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around the ring

BY ED RICCIUTI

Shame on Jerry Lawler for jumping and trashing Bret "Hit Man" Hart during the *King of the Ring* coronation. It was a cowardly act. But Lawler will get his at *Summer-Slam*; we'll put odds on it. Lawler—his hecklers call him "Burger King." Maybe he is, but we've got a better name for him, and that's "hot dog."

Ironically, Lawler and Hart are both excellent cartoonists, and the hot dog also is a fine artist. Maybe one of these days we'll do a feature on some of their work.

We're boiling about that creepy little photographer who cost Hulk Hogan his title at *King of the Ring*—check the story this issue. We'd really like to track him down and find out who he is and whether or not Mr. Fuji put some green paper in his pocket. The whole affair was a scandal. How did that jerk get to ringside?

We wanted to know, so we checked with officials in the press accreditation office of the Federation. They looked into it and said his name, or alleged name, was Mervin

Smith and that he represented a publication called *Wrestling Watch*. They have a letterhead with "Smith's" name on it purporting to be from the publication. Well, we are going to check further. We want to get to the bottom of this photographer thing.

How about you? Would you like to know the real story? And who do you think the guy really is? Write us, and we will publish selected letters in a future *Fan Forum*.

Now Yokozuna is champion, something that, given his awesome size and skill, he could be for a long time to come. He and Fuji are delighting in bashing America, which is a stinking way for a champion to act.

What America needs now is someone who will stand up against Yokozuna. Not only that, but that someone had better be capable

of waging all-out war.

TV or not TV? Big question. There have been a couple of big title changes lately that weren't televised, such as Shawn Michaels grabbing the Intercontinental Belt back from Marty Jannetty in Albany, New York, and the flip-flops between the Steiner Brothers and Money Inc. out in America's Heartland. But *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* was on the scene covering it for you, a good reason not to miss a single issue. Even better yet, be at your local arena when the action takes place there. You never know when a belt will change hands.

Speaking of hands, we would like to extend ours to that affable Hillbilly Jim, who makes rounds of personal appearances for the World Wrestling Federation. He's a great representative.

Back to the Steiners. Those burly brothers from Michigan have finally reached their goal, the Federation Tag Team Championship. But they did it the hard way. They had to win it twice to keep it. We've covered this remarkable feat in this issue. **W**



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World Wrestling Federation superstars are athletes unlike any others. Their days are spent commuting from one city to another via automobile or airline. When they reach their destinations, they must find a gym, train, check into a hotel or motel and then find the arena in which they are slated to compete.

In the meantime, they have to squeeze in time to eat, plan match strategies and spar. It's not easy, as many superstars would attest. We asked if you would like to read about the superstars on the road in the July edition of *Around the Ring*. Judging by your responses, you do.

"I would like to read about Tatanka on the road. I would like to know how he spends his days when traveling from town to town." Jesse Tuttle, Westville, Illinois.

"I would like to read about what Bret Hart does on the road. Is he able to keep in touch with his family in Calgary every day? I give him credit if he's able to juggle both lives successfully."

Ms. Chris Harper,
Puyallup, Washington.

"I'd like to know about the wrestlers on the road. Along with being great athletes in the ring, they all must be great human beings to live the grueling lifestyle they live. We fans are lucky for the choice they made!" Ottilie Bastagen, Pacheco, California.

"I want to read about the wrestlers' lives on the road. That would give the readers an inside scoop on their favorite stars." Kristin Blessing, Rome, New York.

"I think it would be great to read about wrestlers on the road, especially Shawn Michaels' lifestyle." Bill Henry, Bremerton, Washington.

"Life on the road [for the wrestlers] would make for

great reading." Dorsey Greenlee, Evansville, Indiana.

"I think that *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* should run monthly stories of the superstars on the road. I would like to know how the travel affects them mentally and physically." Mark Redfern, Louisville, Kentucky.

"It would be extremely interesting to hear about all that happens when the wrestlers are on the road. We hear about other parts of their lives, so I think we should be able to hear about this part, too." Tonia Dudley, Onalaska, Wisconsin.

"I would really like to read more

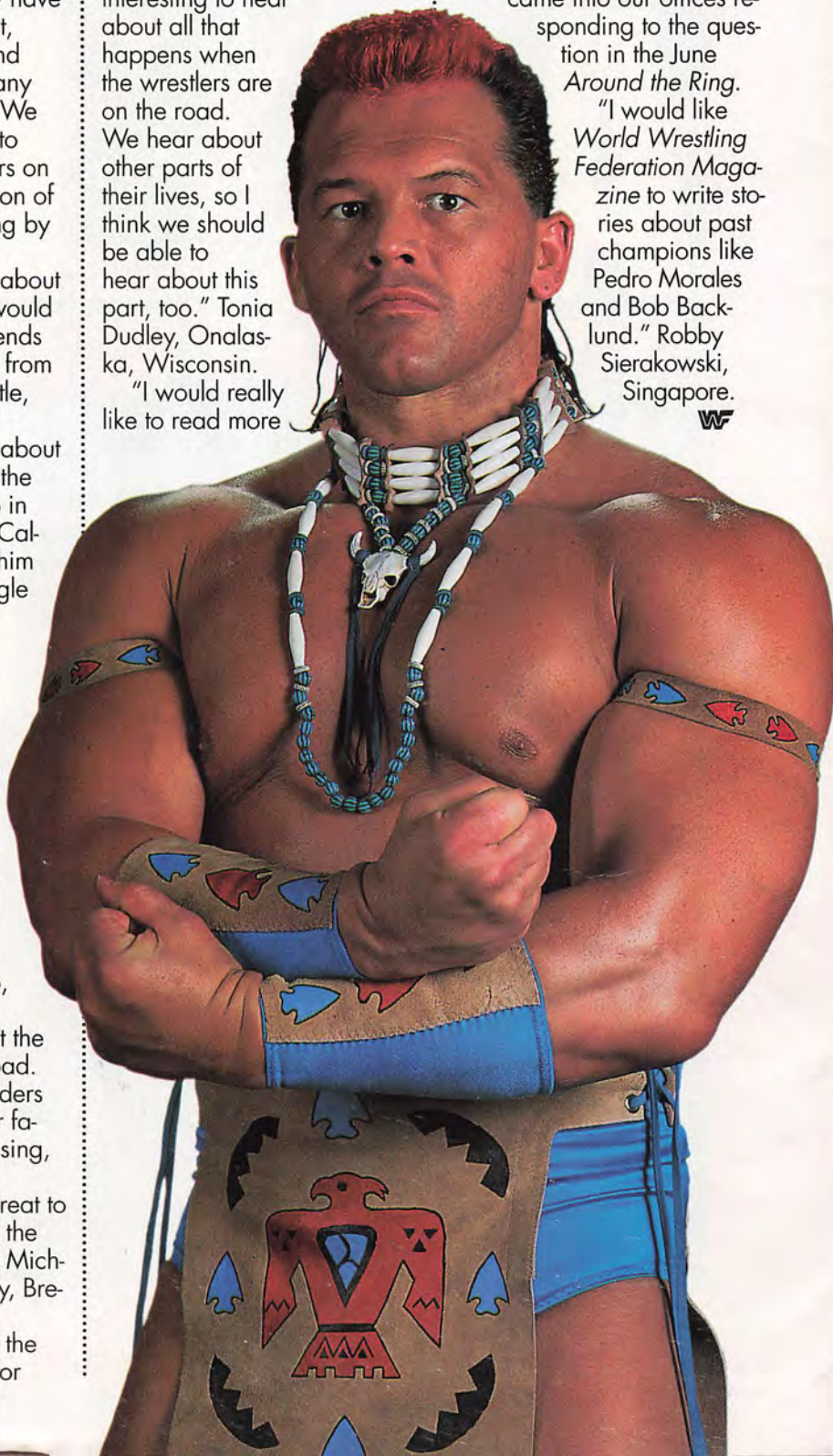
about the lives of the wrestlers on the road." Chris Ackley, Boulder City, Nevada.

"Telling about the wrestlers on the road would be great! These guys lead a busy life. Many people would like to know everywhere they need to go." Dominic Caruso, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

A letter from Singapore came into our offices responding to the question in the June *Around the Ring*.

"I would like *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* to write stories about past champions like Pedro Morales and Bob Backlund." Robby Sierakowski, Singapore.

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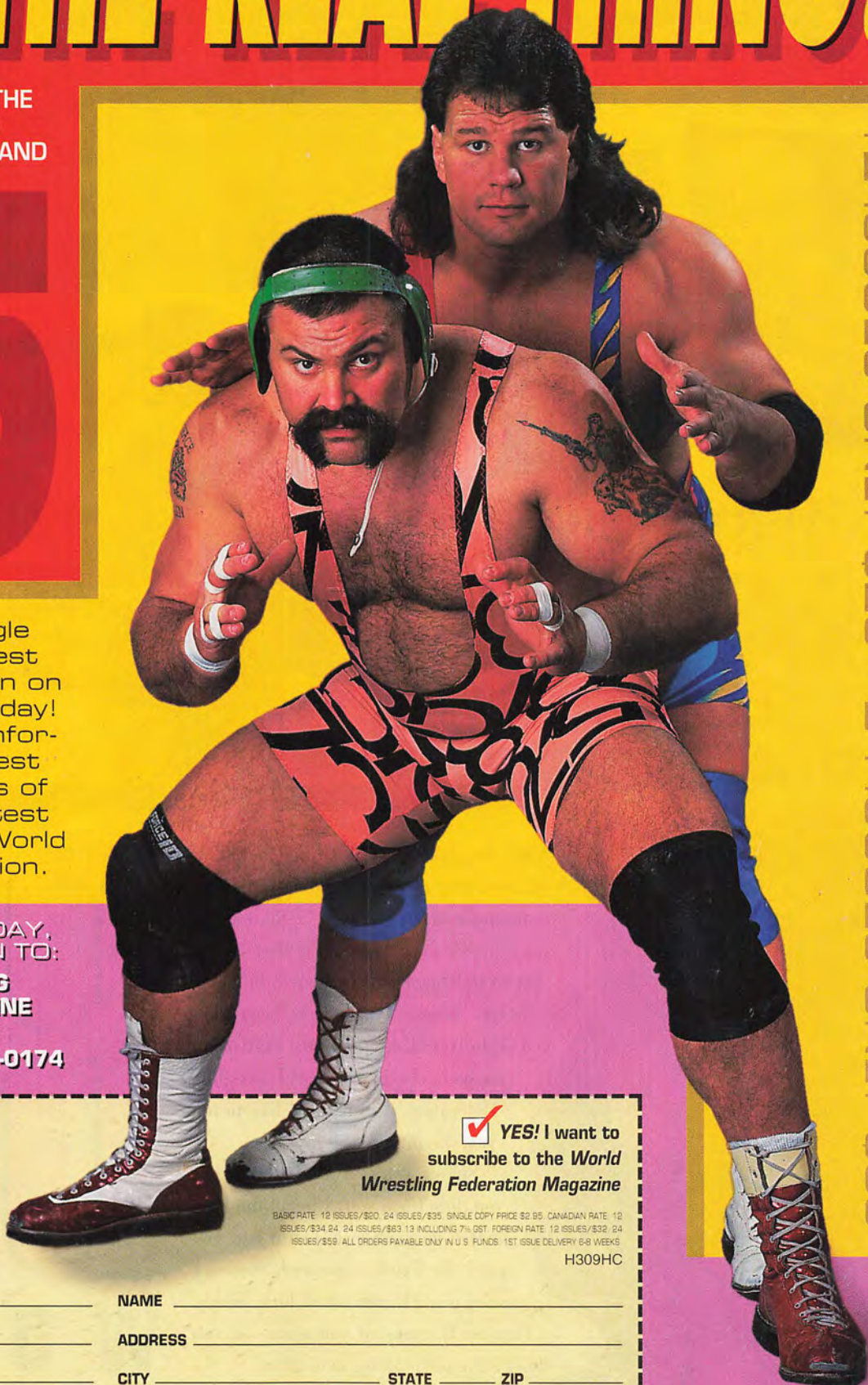
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TOUGH TALK

GET IN THE RING

In the last segment of *Pin 'em Down*, Macho Man Randy Savage answered a question. Lots of fans wrote in asking when he'll put down the microphone and return to

the ring wars. They're still writ-

ing. So now, we'll ask it. Hey,

Macho, don't get soft on us. We'd

like to see you bang a few heads now

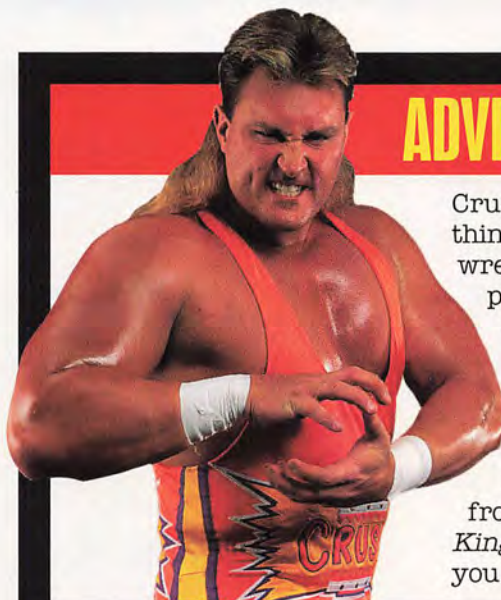
and then. But, still, don't really hand up the mike. From our standpoint, you're one heck of an entertaining commentator, even though sometimes your hands move faster than your mouth.



TWO OF A KIND

So now Luna's at ringside with Bam Bam Bigelow. They couldn't be better matched. Two real sickos, ugly as sin, inside and out. We wonder what they talk about in their private conversations. They probably get their jollies talking about which of them has put more people in the hospital.

ADVICE TO CRUSH



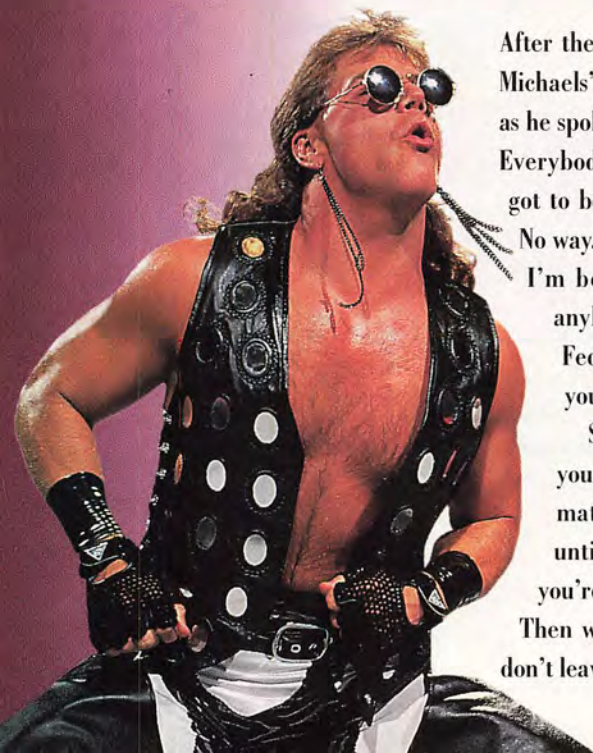
Crush, we like you and think you're an awesome wrestler with incredible potential. But use your smarts more. You've let Doink baffle you too many times. It even cost you a chance to win the Intercontinental Title from Shawn Michaels at *King of the Ring*. Maybe you need a manager.

After the above-mentioned match, Shawn Michaels' big mouth was going rapid-fire as he spoke to our reporter. "I did it again. Everybody's misconception is that you've got to be bigger and badder to be good. No way. Because I may not be bigger, but I'm better. I've got more skill than anybody else in the World Wrestling Federation. And now I'd like to tell you, this interview is over."

Shawn, you're a great athlete, but you didn't win your King of the Ring match on your own. Crush had you until the Doinks appeared. Someday you're going to run out of luck, buddy. Then we'll interview you again—if you don't leave the building in disguise.

BIG

WORDS



A photograph of Mr. Hughes, a man with a beard wearing a fedora, sunglasses, a white shirt, and suspenders.

DISQUALIFIED

A photograph of Bret Hart, a man with long dark hair, wearing a wrestling singlet.

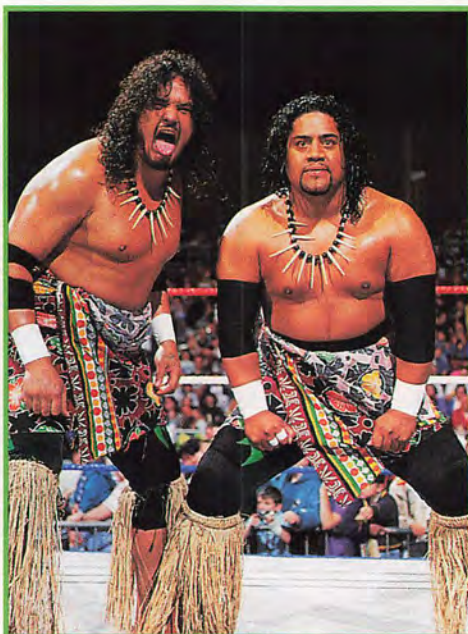
SECOND CHANCE

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

We can't believe it. Federation referees are finally doing their job—at least they did it in *King of the Ring*. How about it? Mr. Hughes disqualified. Bret "Hit Man" Hart given a second chance after Luna hit him with a chair. What's going on here? Did Jack Tunney finally tell the refs to open their eyes? Time will tell.

A photograph of Jack Tunney, a man with grey hair wearing a suit and tie.

TIME WILL TELL



For our money, the Head Shrinkers are one heck of an exciting tag team. We don't approve of their methods, nor would we like to have lunch with them—that's a frightening prospect. But they are a force of major proportions in the World Wrestling Federation, and they definitely deserve a shot at the Tag Team Title. Any team that has caused such devastation as the Shrinkers have should be right up there among the top contenders.

GIVE THEM A SHOT

A photograph of Marty Jannetty, a man with long dark hair, wearing a black vest over a white shirt and colorful patterned pants, posing with one hand on his hip and the other in a fist.

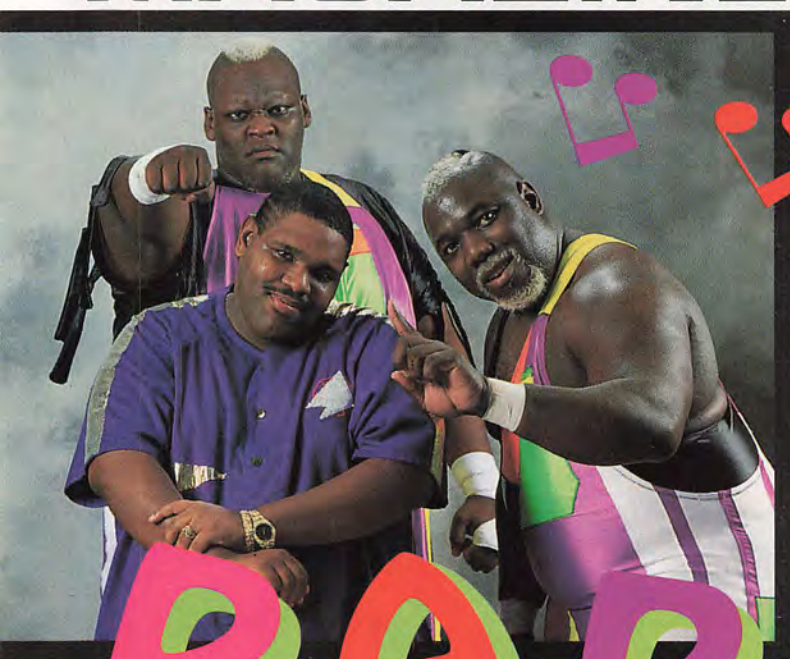
SHORT

REIGN

Marty Jannetty had a big-time opportunity this spring, and—we have to say it—he blew it. He had the Intercontinental Title after beating Shawn Michaels, but he couldn't hold it for more than a matter of days. Michaels got it right back. Jannetty, being a real champion means keeping the belt once you have it. And you didn't. That's something you should think about. **W**

WE BEAT hot off the press

MAGAZINE



RAP

Don't you love the new tag team of Men on a Mission, with Mabel—big as they come—and Moe? Mabel is astonishing. For a man of his huge bulk to move the way he does—wow! Anyway, their manager, Oscar, presented us with the following rap lyrics that he wrote especially for the *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*. Here goes.



SALTY?

Check it out, everybody.
We're on the scene.
You're reading the
World Wrestling Federation
Magazine
with exclusives on the
fellas; the stories are great.
I know from issue to issue
it's hard to wait.
Who beat who, who
cheated who, who won
—this is why the
Federation is No 1.
From Hulkster to the
Hit Man to Yokozuna,
if you read about it here,
then it ain't no rumor.
The Steiners, Money Inc.
and Smoking Gunns,
my boys, Men on a
Mission, will soon be No 1.
From Adam Bomb to
Virgil to Mr. Hughes
to read about us
you can't refuse.
So come on, everybody,
whether solo or tag team
read about it all in the
magazine.
Thanks, guys and
good luck in the ring.

Macho Man Randy Savage said it all when he commented on the *King of the Ring* blast—one of the best technical matches we've ever seen—between Bret "Hit Man" Hart and Mr. Perfect. Mr. Perfect, said Savage, has a "salty" background. And Randy admitted he did too. Yep, Perfect and Randy are cut from the same cloth. Superb athletes. Master wrestlers. And tough as all getout. But there's a difference. Savage gets in a tough battle, and his fiery temper takes over. He pulls out the stops. That's his natural aggressiveness. Perfect has a different type of aggressiveness. Unlike Savage, Perfect never loses his cool—at least outwardly. But he has immense staying power and a champion's—he was one—instinct for survival. So in *King of the Ring*,

Perfect went for the jugular. We think Hit Man understood. He's tossed away the books himself on a number of occasions. He knew that when two athletes of their caliber meet, you'd better watch out.

The handshake Perfect gave Bret after the match said it all. "Good fight. I lost. But barely. We're the same kind, but a little different. We admire and like each other. In the heat of the ring, each of us goes his own way. Let's make plans to do it again sometime."

Fans would love to see it.

CAN YOU IMAGINE?



Skinny Jimmy Hart in pads and helmet, a wide receiver? That's right. The little guy was a darn good athlete in the Volunteer State. There's lots to this man. Lots you may not know. You young fans may not know that a short time back Jimmy was a top rocker. One of the best. He was lead singer on a song you'll still hear today on almost any rock radio station. It won a gold record. We'll be writing about it in the next *World Wrestling Federation Wrestling Spotlight* on this gem of a guy. Look for it in mid-September. Find out what this super-talented, super-charged person is all about. Don't miss it. **WF**



LOW ENERGY

Maybe you wonder why you don't see High Energy anymore. You see the Rocket Owen Hart. He's very much on the scene. But something happened between Owen and Koko B. Ware to splinter the High Energy team. We'll try to find out what it was. Maybe we can. Maybe we can't. But keep in touch.



personality profile



FROM:
BRONX, NEW YORK

NICKNAME:
M.O.M.

WEIGHT:
MABEL 495 LBS.
MO 262 LBS.

MANAGER:
OSCAR

KNOWN FOR:
BEING THE ONLY
TEAM WITH ITS OWN
RAP MUSIC

They are one of the most unique trios ever to show up in the World Wrestling Federation. What's more, they became instantaneously popular, bringing cheering, clapping fans to their feet, even setting them dancing. We are talking about an exhilarating new tag team, Men on a Mission, otherwise known as M.O.M.

Men on a Mission are Oscar, Mo and Mabel. Mabel? What kind of name is that for a guy? You would not want to ask that question of this particular Mabel. Why? Because he weighs in at 495 pounds and looks so tall he sometimes has clouds around his head. His tag team partner is Mo, a fireplug of a wrestler, 260-plus pounds that is seemingly all muscle. Oscar, he's their manager and the composer and singer of M.O.M.'s catchy rap music.

Men on a Mission provide a very difficult set of challenges for their tag team foes. One, of course, is the awesome size of Mabel. His weight puts him in the Yokozuna category as far as bulk is concerned. Add to that his height and tremendous reach, and you've got someone who could become one of the most formidable wrestlers in the Federation.

If that's not enough, Mabel has the mobility and agility of a gymnast. Here's some of what he can throw at you besides power holds: flying reverse crescent kicks, dropkicks and big splashes off the second turnbuckle. When he does the last-mentioned, he really makes a splash.

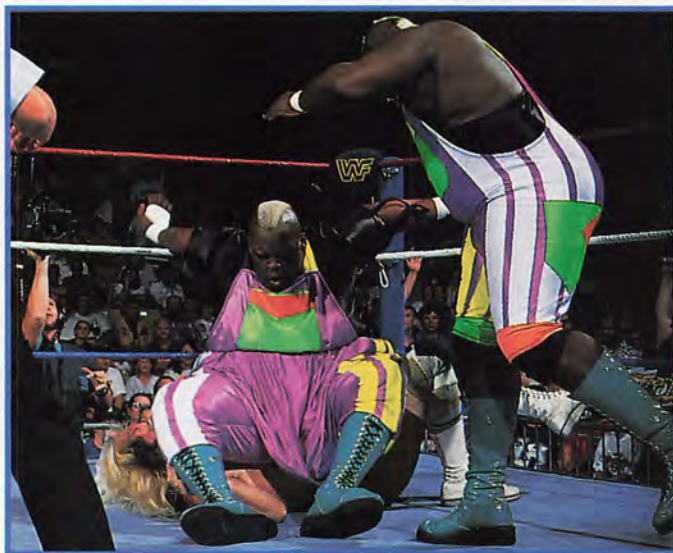


He splashes opponents all over the arena.

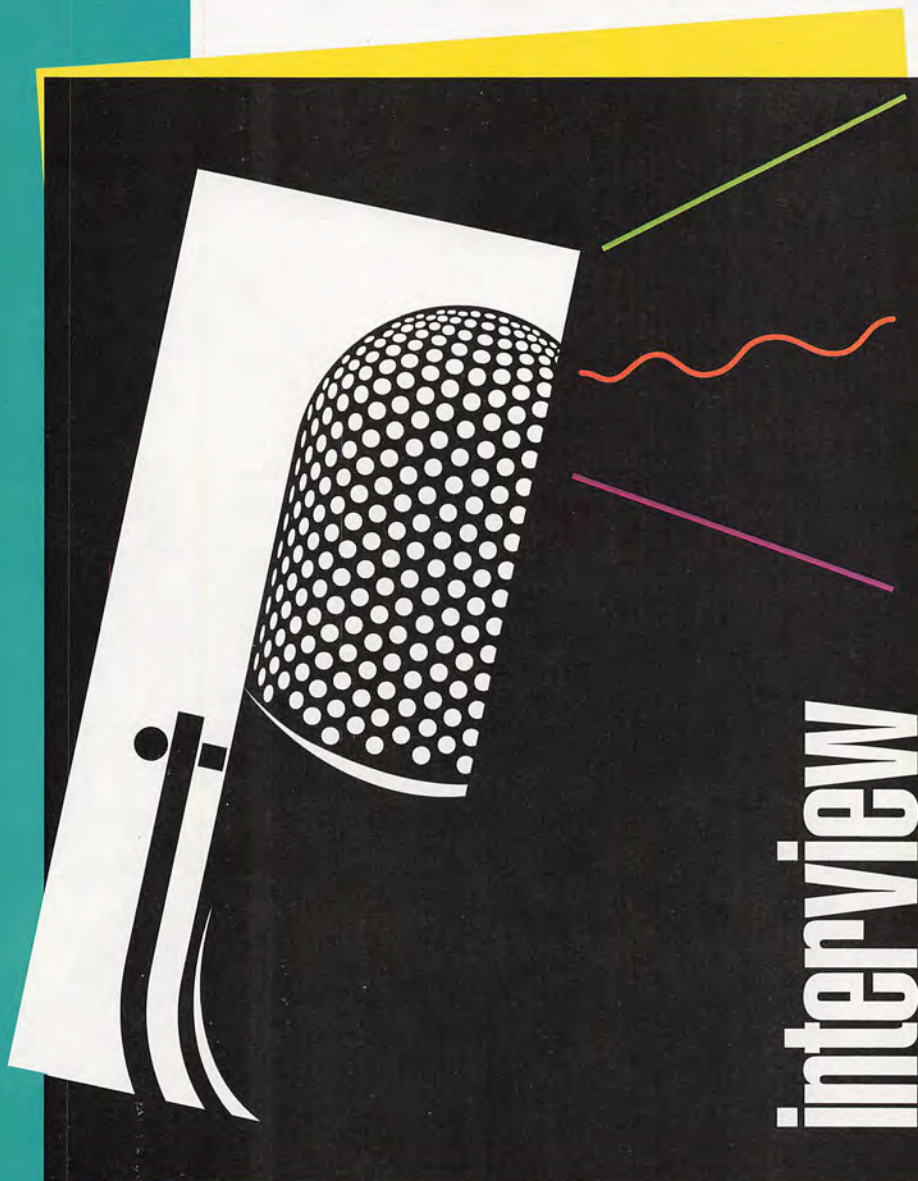
Now to Mo. He's got power beyond his size. He doesn't seem to hurt easily—nor does Mabel—and he's quick as a cat. Mo also demonstrates that he is a very sound scientific wrestler, but don't try to slug it out with him because he can throw some hammers.

Men on a Mission hail from the Bronx, New York. They're products of some pretty mean streets, but they're admirable products. They haven't let the streets sour them nor turn them bad. Bad? Well, they can be bad as blazes in the ring, but their approach to life is straight arrow. Even in the ring, they don't get down and dirty unless someone tries it on them first.

We were told by Men on a Mission that one of their goals is to set a good example for inner-city kids. Life is tough for street kids, the Men admit, but it doesn't have to impact them adversely. Men on a Mission say the streets strengthened their characters and made them strive to get ahead. One way they found they could do it was by combining their talents and entering the ring as a tag team. Now they've made it to the prize every wrestler seeks—a chance to compete in the World Wrestling Federation. And Men on a Mission say that they are going to prove they belong there. **WF**







"Like everybody else, I want to win a title, especially the World Wrestling Federation Title. If that means going up against Yokozuna, OK."

We've been following the career of the big, young Hawaiian, Crush, with real interest, especially since we watched a spectacular match he had with Lex Luger in Portland, Maine, last spring. Wrestling experts who saw it felt that Crush really was coming into his own. His energy and ability to hoist Luger into the air galvanized the crowd. But Crush has had his troubles, namely with Doink, or double Doink, whatever. The evil clown has haunted him and interfered in his career, as in the way the two Doinks distracted him during his match with Intercontinental Champion Shawn Michaels at *King of the Ring* (see story this issue). Anyway, we decided to talk with Crush. Here's what he had to say.

Editors: Crush, you should have a spectacular career ahead of you. But Doink's meddling has really been bugging you. Do you think he's out to ruin your career and, if so, why?

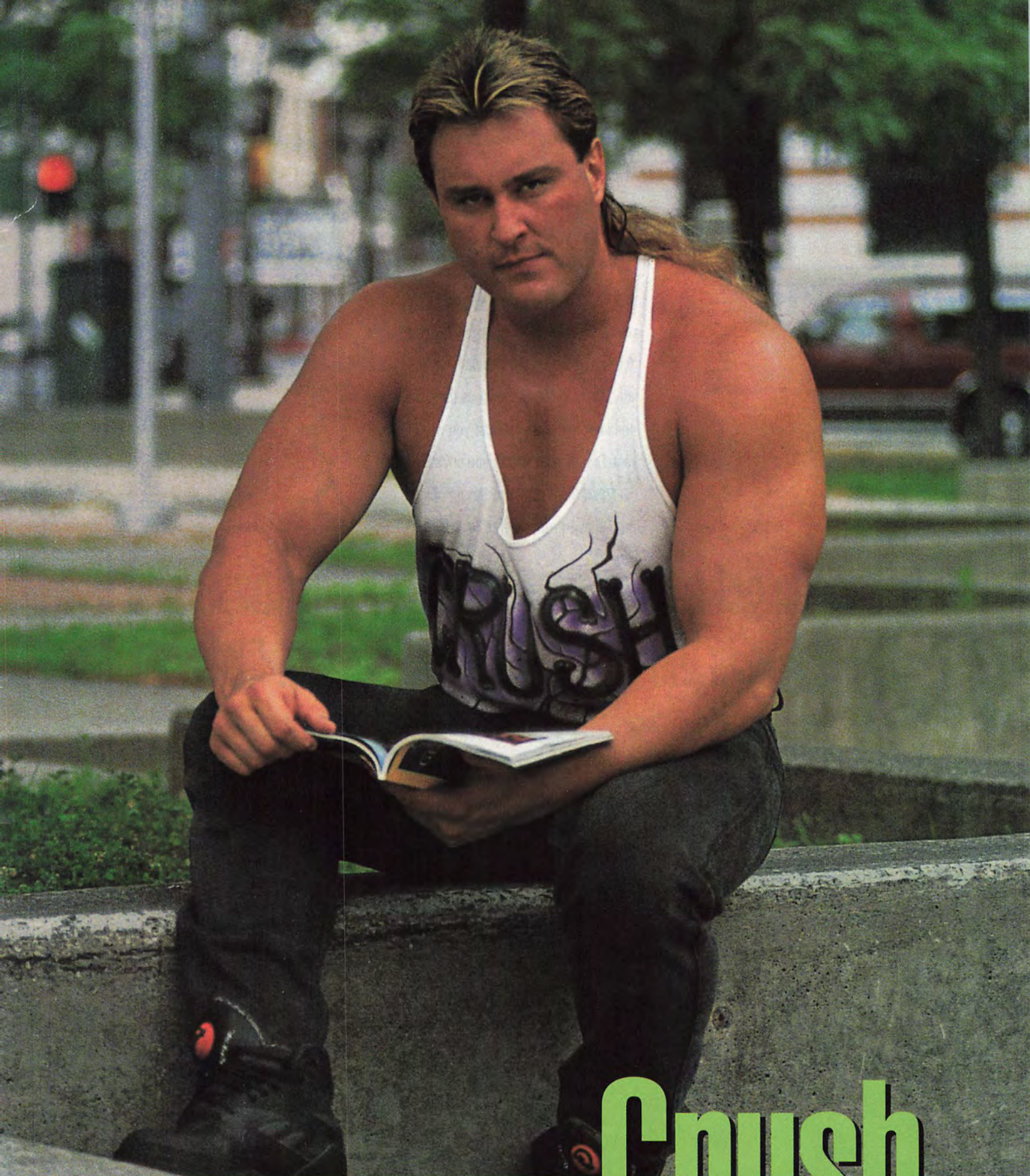
Crush: Garans, brah. In pidgin talk, that means guaranteed. For sure, Doink doesn't like to see people get ahead, especially me. It's his jealous nature. And it all goes back to when he was bothering kids and I grabbed his arm.

Editors: Sooner or later you'll have to settle things with Doink.

Crush: It'll happen. Both Doinks are gonna get crushed. Fo' real.

Editors: Speaking about both Doinks, the clown claims his double is just an illusion. We don't agree, but how can you explain the fact that you can't tell one from the other?

Crush: It gets me futless—frustrated—but



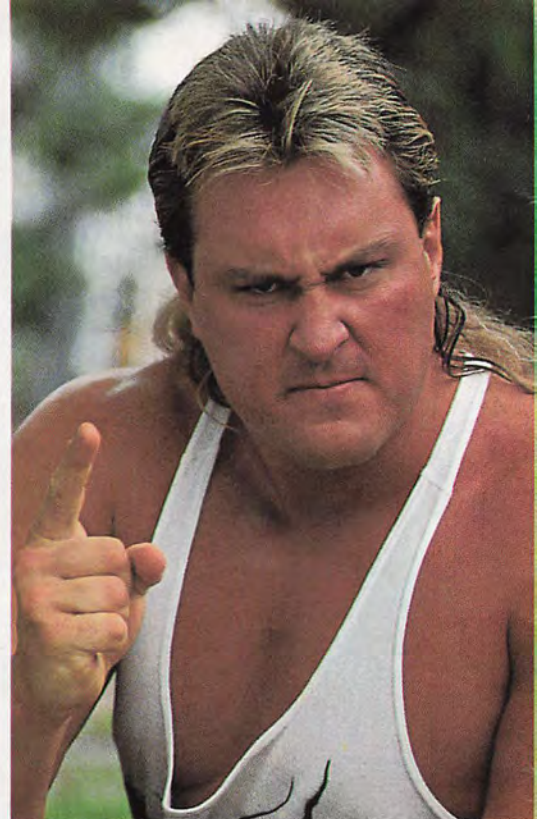
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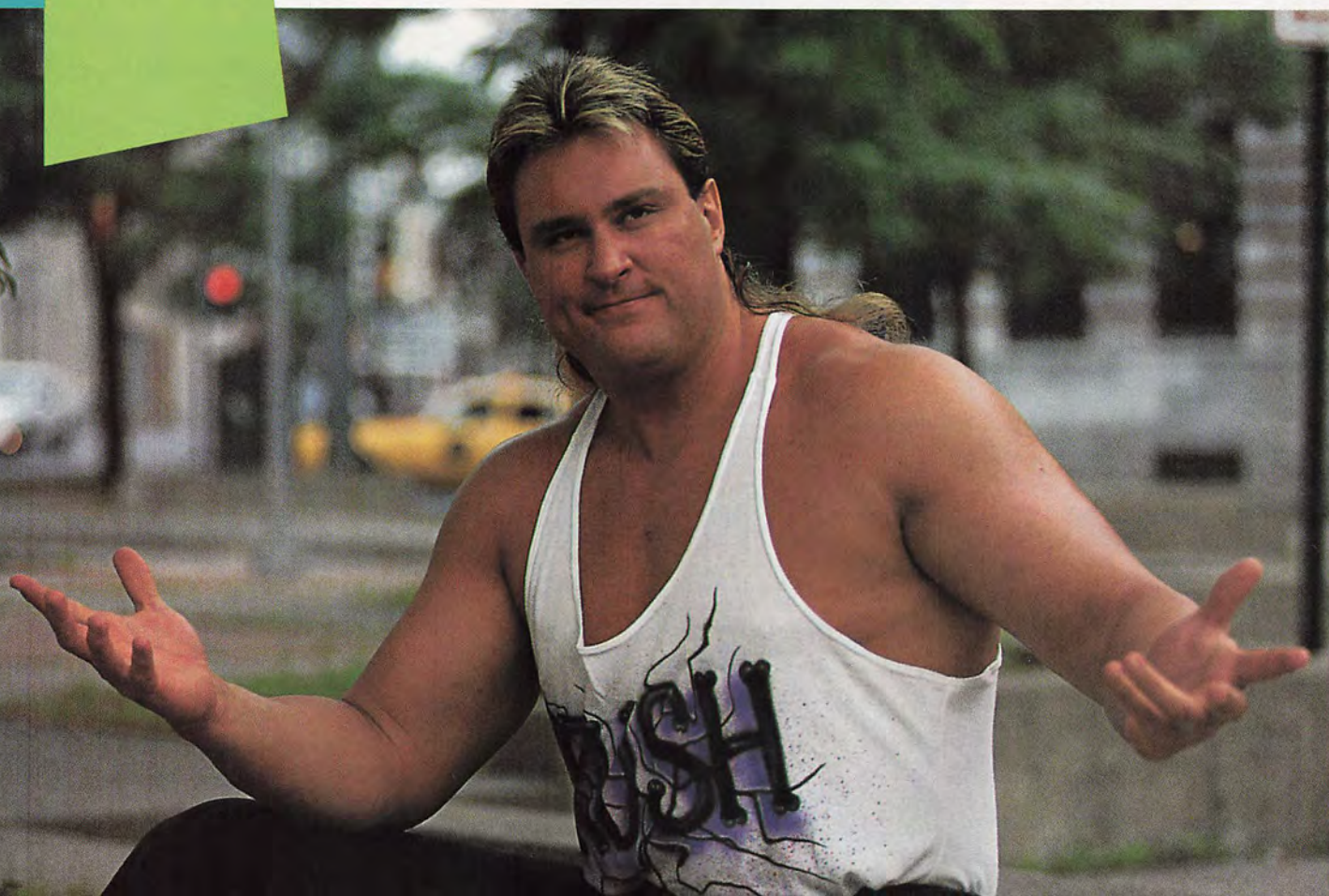
I try not to let it frazzle me. There are two Doinks. Under those clown masks are two different faces. Two different men. But their black hearts are just the same. Sooner or later, I'm gonna expose the both of them. Then I'll beat their faces so bad one Doink won't know himself from the other.

Editors: We keep mentioning the great match you had with Lex Luger this past spring. You lost by a hair, but it could have gone either way. Chief Jay Strongbow was there and saw it and later told us he thought you were magnificent. Did the match teach you anything?

Crush: Radical. Match was a rippah. It made me believe in myself for real. Even though I



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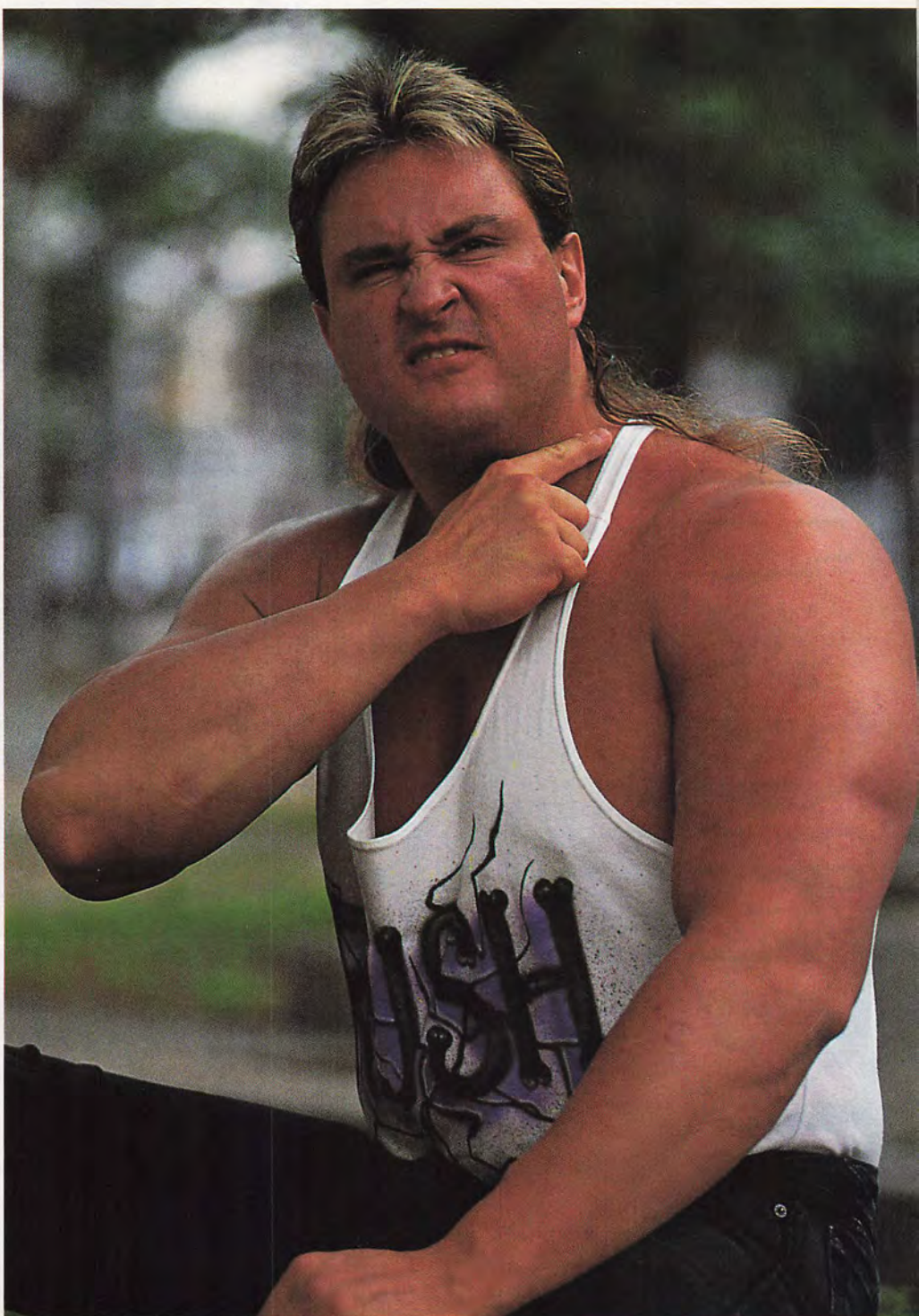


lost, I knew it was close. And it showed me that I could match up with a wrestler like Lex Luger, one of the strongest and most experienced around. It was a turning point, especially when the fans got into it. I've always appreciated fans but never like that. It felt as if they were in the ring with me. It made me relate to them.

Editors: Let's talk about your goals, both immediate and future.

Crush: They're the same, da kine. Like everybody else, I want to win a title, especially the World Wrestling Federation Title. If that means going up against Yokozuna, OK. He's one big fella. Maybe the most dangerous champion of all time. People from the islands are tough, but I'm from the islands, too. And I'm tough enough to go in there with Yokozuna.

Editors: The problem with Yokozuna is that he is big enough to end a career. Anybody who goes into the ring with him is taking a big risk. You have to recognize that fact. Yokozuna is no ordinary wrestler.



Crush: He make, tough guy, garans. But I way, I'll crush him just like a grape.

can beef with him. I'm big, too, and I'm a lot faster than he is. I think I've got a good chance against Yokozuna. And if Mr. Fuji gets in the

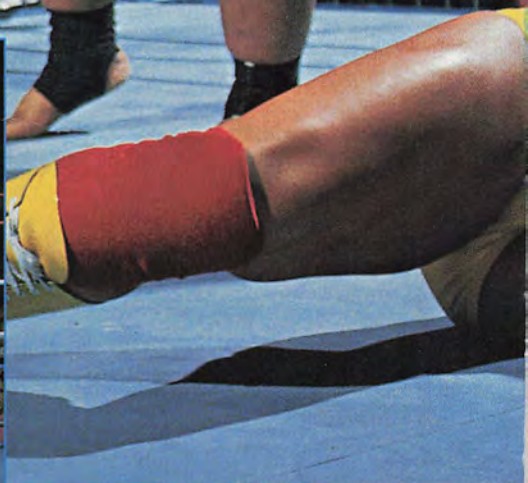
Editors: Well, we wish you luck no matter who your opponent is. We'll be watching.

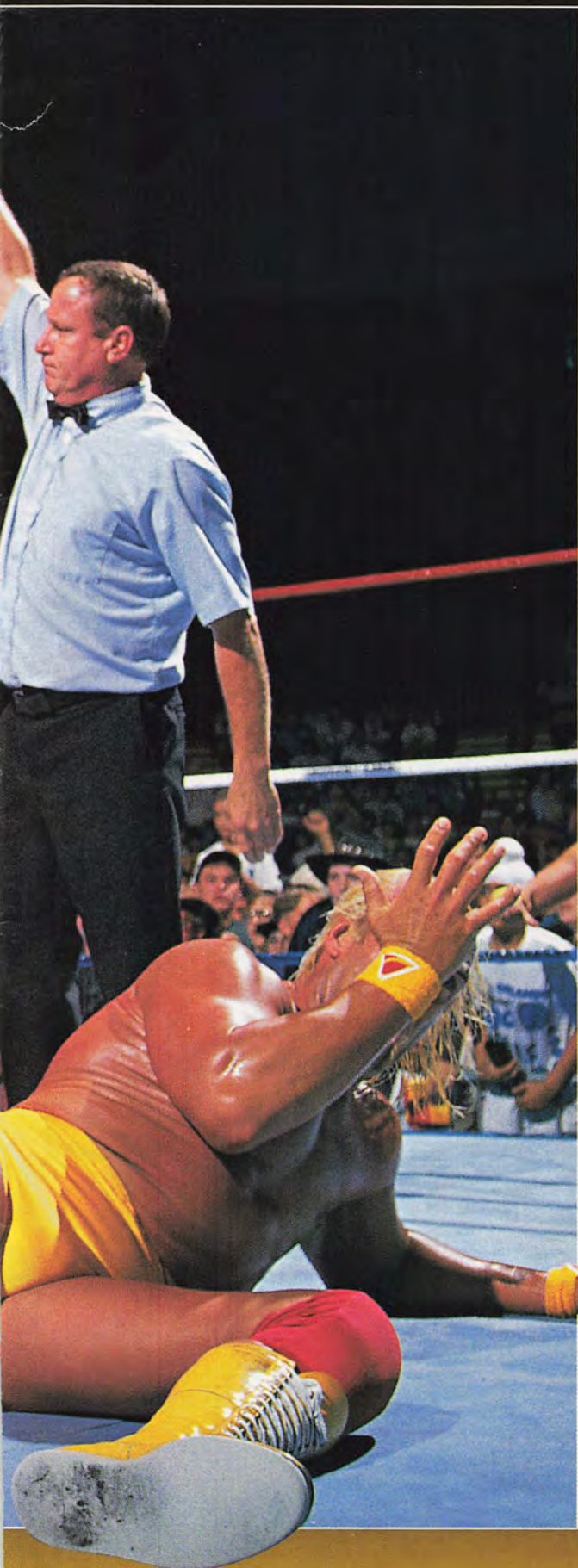
Crush: Howzit. Aloha. **WF**

EDITOR'S NOTE: AFTER OUR INTERVIEW, WE HAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT CRUSH IS DETERMINED TO CRUSH HIS WAY TO THE VERY PINNACLE OF WRESTLING RANKS.

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YOKOZUNA TAKES THE BELT





BATTLE OF THE TITANS



BY ED RICCIUTI

A DISTRACTED HULKSTER SQUASHED

THE HULKSTER SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER. HE LET A PHOTOGRAPHER, APPARENTLY A BOGUS ONE PLANTED THERE, DISTRACT HIM AND THEN ZAP HIM WITH A CAMERA THAT BLEW UP IN HIS FACE. AND IT HAPPENED JUST AS HE WAS MAKING ONE OF HIS LEGENDARY COMEBACKS. HE SEEMED ON THE VERGE OF A SUCCESSFUL WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION TITLE DEFENSE AGAINST YOKOZUNA AT *KING OF THE RING*. INSTEAD, THE 550-POUND YOKOZUNA MADE A PANCAKE OF HOGAN AND SEEMS TO HAVE DONE WHAT HULK'S OTHER OPPONENTS VOWED TO DO WITHOUT SUCCESS—MADE *HULKAMANIA* A MEMORY, EVEN A BITTER ONE AT THAT.

AFTER THE WIN, YOKO AND HIS SINISTER MANAGER, MR. FUJI, RUBBED THE BELT IN THE FACE OF HOGAN'S HULKAMANIACS AND DID SOME AMERICA-BASHING.

In the end, it was Yokozuna whose arm was raised in victory, signaling Hulk's defeat.

KING OF THE RING RESULTS



Japan, Fuji asserted, reigns supreme, and he challenged American athletes of any ilk to try to slam Yokozuna, something that the Hulkster could not do. The results of that challenge are covered in this issue.

The Hulkster's attempts to slam Yokozuna were disastrous. The most he could do was to get one of the huge sumo wrestler's feet off the ground. For his efforts, Hogan got bashed in the back repeatedly. Yokozuna went for the back, applying fe-

rocious bearhugs that sapped Hulk's strength.

Wrestling experts and fans are still talking about the way Yokozuna overwhelmingly overpowered Hogan. Before the match, each had a strategy. Yoko got bigger; Hulk, trimmer. The Hulkster was surely below his former 303-pound weight.

We think getting leaner didn't make the Hulkster meaner, at least not against a gorilla like Yokozuna. For most of the match—from the very beginning when Yoko shoved Hulk down like nothing—the massive Sumo Grand Champion knocked him from pillar to post. Hogan courageously fought back with thunderous blows. Other opponents would have ended up in traction. Yokozuna shook them off.

Yet, the Hulkster still had a chance at the very end. Yoko had just shattered him with a belly-to-belly suplex, and that big sumo wrestler has plenty of belly to make it effec-



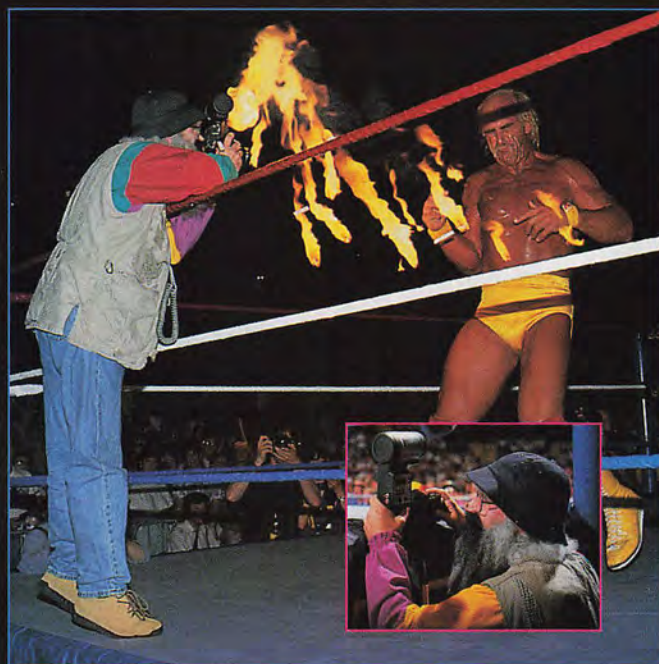
tive. But *Hulkamania's* power surged though Hogan. He fired up. On his knees, he took all Fuji's big boy could throw at him. In the past, against other opponents, that would have been the end. The Hulkster would rise, throw the big boot and notch a win.

He came close, but not close enough. One big boot and Yoko still stood. Another and he still had his feet planted. But a third brought him down. Hulk dropped the big leg and hooked. And—for the first time that anybody can remember—Hogan's grip was broken. Yokozuna was free.

Then it happened. A bevy of photographers were shooting the event for an international audience. Among them was a scruffy, bearded weirdo who probably should never have been given credentials—Jack Tunney,



BATTLE OF THE TITANS



Despite the spirit of *Hulkamania*, Yokozuna overpowered Hogan with bearhugs and suplexes. A mysterious camera flare-up gave Yokozuna an opening for his winning move.

where were you? Hulk still had Yokozuna in big trouble when the oddball lensman climbed onto the ring apron, camera in hand. That's when the Hulkster made the biggest mistake of his illustrious career. He looked at the photographer, then approached him, his

finger pointing. Blam! The camera blew up in a burst of fire.

Blinded and bashed, Hulk was ripe for the picking. And Yokozuna took advantage, dropping a leg and hooking Hulk's. Match over. Title changed. And just for good measure, Yokozuna



pulverized a helpless Hogan with a horrendous banzai drop. The ex-champion was dragged from the ring by officials while Yokozuna and Mr. Fuji celebrated.

In the locker room, Fuji was smug as he gave an exclusive interview to our reporter. "*Hulkamania* die tonight. All Japan very happy. Crown Prince Naruhito very happy. Especially since he marry Japanese woman who graduate from Harvard. When time right, he will celebrate victory with all



other Japanese fans."

What about the creep photographer? Fuji denied knowledge of who he was. But he couldn't resist another jab at the United States.

"Photographer American," sneered Mr. Fuji. "Camera made in America. Cheap, cheap camera malfunction. Blow up right in Hulkster's face. Too bad. *Hulkamania* died tonight." **WF**



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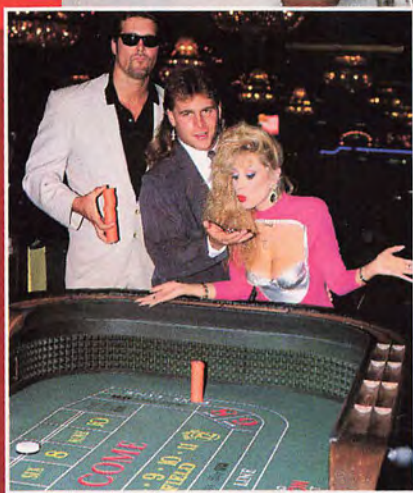
By Penny Levin

World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental Champion Shawn Michaels met his match recently when he and USA Network's *Up All Night* show hostess Rhonda Shear reunited in Reno, Nevada, for a special date.

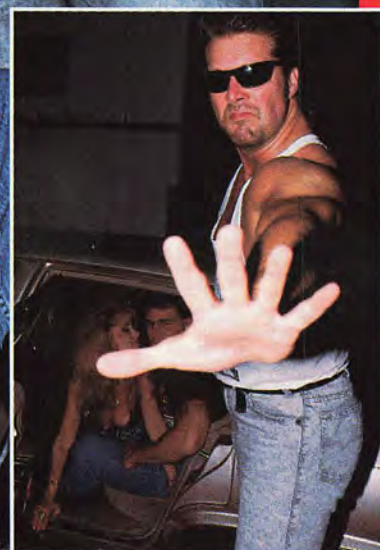
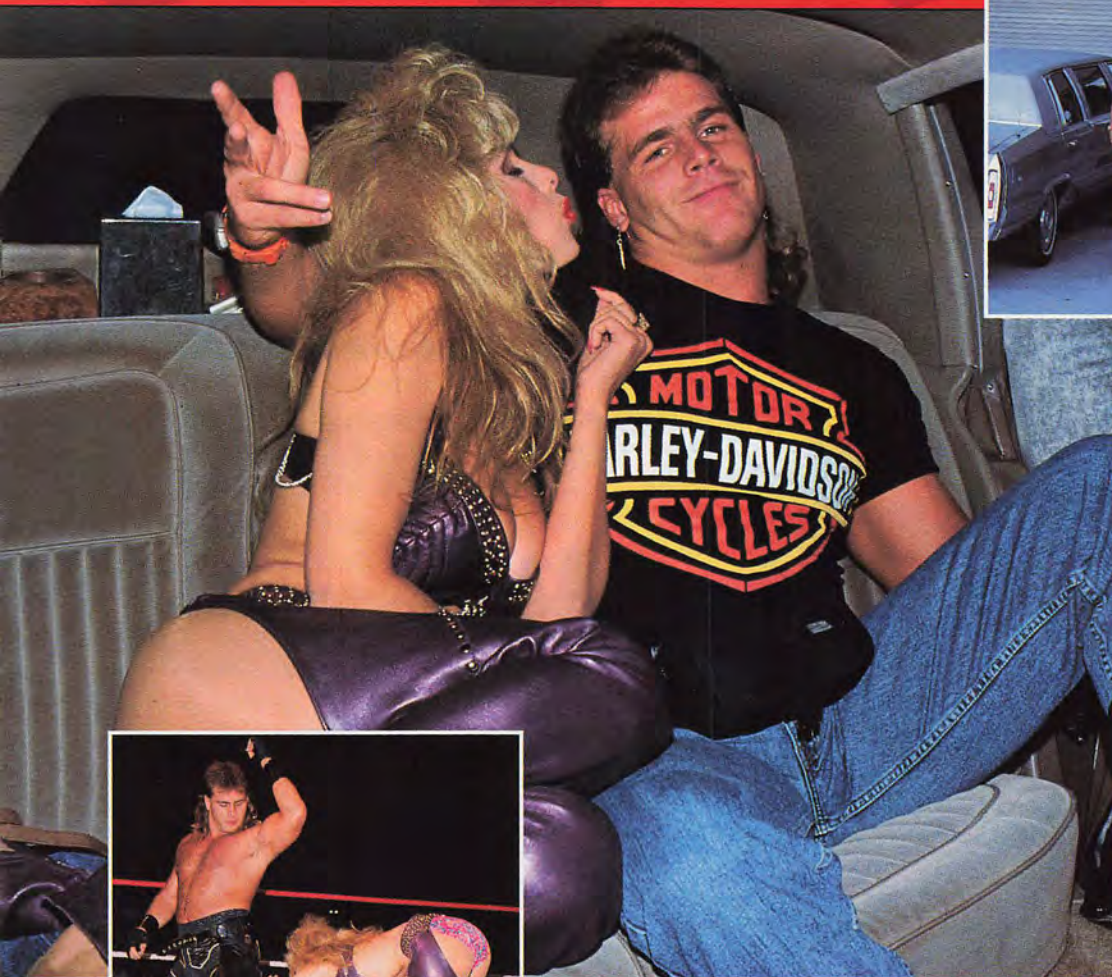
The two first met about a year ago when Shawn, accompanied by his then-main squeeze Sensational Sherri, were guests on Rhonda's popular late night show. At that time, Sherri, detecting a certain chemistry between the two, warned Rhonda to stay away from her man. But Sherri is history, and fate took its course when Shawn and

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SHAWN



Rhonda discovered they would both be in Nevada this summer. Shawn went all-out to impress the TV star.

"I'm just amazed; he thought of everything," said a wide-eyed Rhonda, talking about the limo that brought her to the Reno Hilton Hotel from the airport.

Shawn was too busy to pick up his date. But he was waiting in a luxurious suite when his gorgeous guest arrived. Not wanting to miss a chance to show off his physique, Shawn suggested they go the pool for a swimming and sun-tanning session. Rhonda said she would have to change into her bikini. Before she had a chance to visit her section of the suite, Rhonda was startled by the awesome presence of Diesel, Shawn's ever-present 6-foot-11-inch bodyguard. From that moment on, the couple was never completely alone. Diesel was always lurking in the background.

Undaunted, Rhonda did her best to cap-

ture Shawn's attention. At the pool, Rhonda primped in front of her makeup mirror when she suddenly felt some heavy breathing down her neck. There was Shawn sitting in a pool chair next to her, leaning in close. She was astonished to discover he was not making an effort to be romantic, but rather he was trying to see himself in her mirror while talking on his cellular phone. When the pair got too hot at the pool, they retreated to the suite where Shawn jumped into a bubble bath and tried to persuade her to join him. Diesel first tested the water to be sure no one was lurking under the bubbles. He then turned away to give the couple privacy. But Rhonda was hesitant to take off her Cinderella high heels, so Shawn suggested it was time to get ready to go to Lawler Stadium for that night's matches.

At the arena, Rhonda, flanked by Diesel, accompanied Shawn to the ring, where fans applauded as she helped him remove his chaps and vest. Then Diesel removed her from the ring when Shawn arrogantly signaled he wanted her to wait for him outside the dressing room area.

Following the match, a limo whisked the handsome couple back to the Reno Hilton, where they changed for a romantic dinner in the Steakhouse Restaurant. Shawn suggested they return to the suite where he had Dom Perignon champagne and strawberries waiting. Rhonda wanted a

closer look at Shawn's chiseled face, so he lifted her up on the bartop, where he gently set her down. She started playing with his expensive silk tie. As she attempted to draw him closer by twisting and rolling the fabric around her finger, Shawn calmly told her she would later have to iron the expensive tie because she was messing up his perfect look.

The moment was interrupted by a knock at the back door. Diesel ordered everyone to sit perfectly still while he went to see what was happening. Surprise! It was just more champagne along with some caviar that the suave Shawn had ordered to entice television's tantalizing temptress. Meanwhile, the smitten Rhonda was trying to find ways to have Diesel get a life of his own—but to no avail. He refused to get out of the picture, literally.

Later, on orders from Shawn, Diesel blocked the photographer and reporter from following them. We later got in touch with them. Rhonda, who was confused about having Diesel around all the time, said, "There just isn't enough room for the three of us in my makeup mirror."

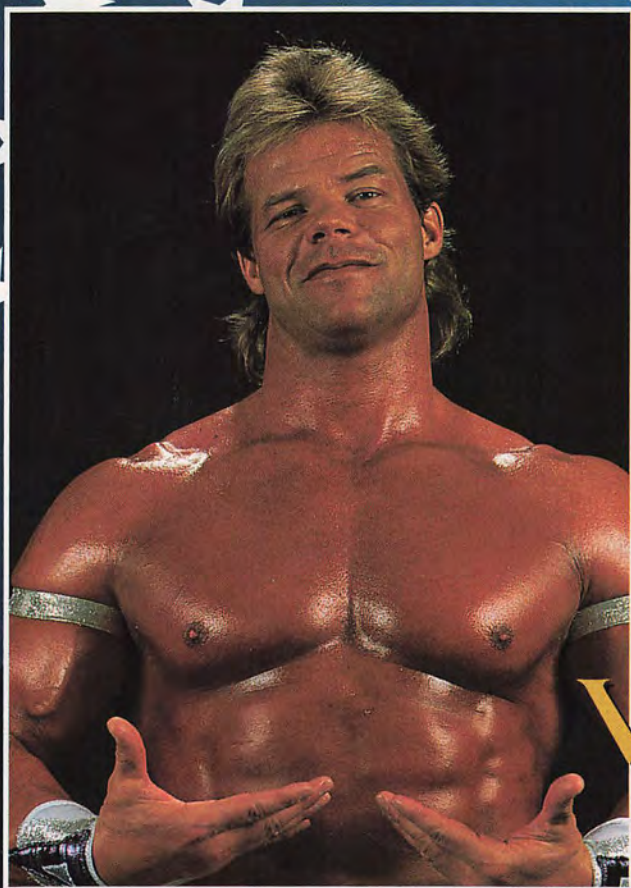
Shawn hinted that at some point he might visit her on the set of her show and then see what develops. Asked if Diesel would be there, Shawn said, "Where I go, he goes—well, almost anywhere." We wonder if Shawn ever heard the expression "Three's a crowd." **WF**

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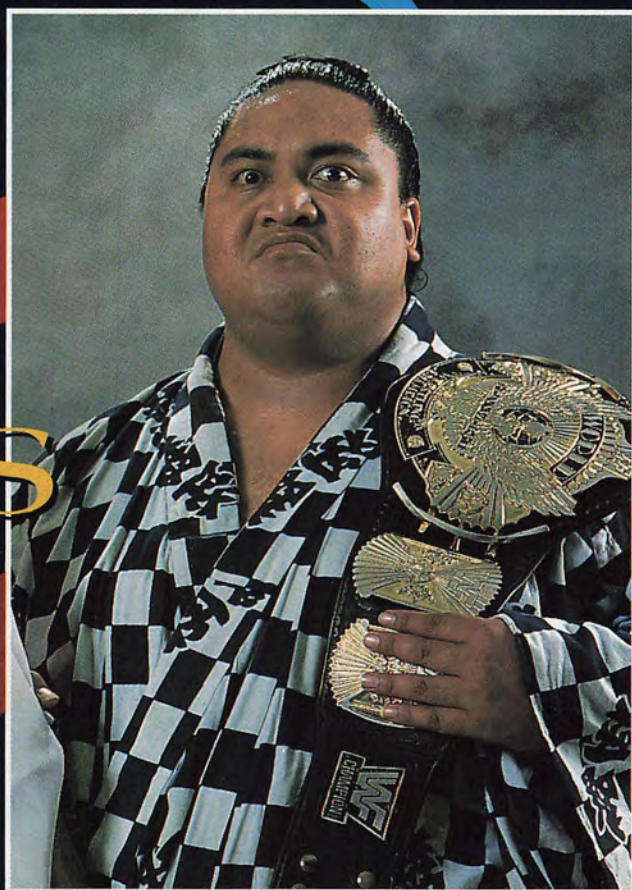
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ALL EYES WILL BE ON THE MAIN EVENT, THE COLLISION BETWEEN WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPION YOKOZUNA AND LEX LUGER. THE CHALLENGER CAMPAIGNED HARD FOR A SHOT AT THE TITLE AND EVENTUALLY WAS GIVEN THE CHANCE. YOU CAN FIND MORE ON THIS MATCH AND EVENTS LEADING UP TO IT IN A SPECIAL FEATURE IN THIS ISSUE.

SUMMER SLAM



THE UNDERTAKER
Managed by Paul Bearer



GIANT GONZALEZ
Managed by Harvey Wippleman

VS



BRET HART

Another title will also be on the line, as Shawn Michaels defends his World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental Championship against Mr. Perfect, who has held that belt before. The prize of the title is sufficient motive for Perfect to go after Michaels full tilt, but he has even more of a reason because of an altercation that he had with Shawn during *WrestleMania IX*. Since then, both men have been waiting for the chance to have it out with each other in the ring once and for all.

Another confrontation, this one at *King of the Ring*, is an element in the *SummerSlam* match between Bret "Hit Man" Hart and Jerry "The King" Lawler. Lawler, angered that Hart had been crowned the ring's king, jumped Hart and trashed him during the coronation ceremony held after the tournament. Bret is hot for revenge; Lawler, to make good his claim that he is the only royalty in the Federation.

The match between the Undertaker and Giant Gonzalez looms as an arena shaker. The Giant has shown he has the ability to down the Undertaker, while the Federation's Grim Reaper has demonstrated that he is the only man capable of withstanding the Giant's punishment and dishing it back to him. An added element in this match is the presence of the Undertaker's manager, Paul Bearer, and the Giant's manager, Harvey Wippleman.

Cocky Cuban Razor Ramon, one of the most lethal competitors in the Federation, is headed for a collision with the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase, one of the most experienced and talented wrestlers ever to hit the ring. The veteran DiBiase can switch between science

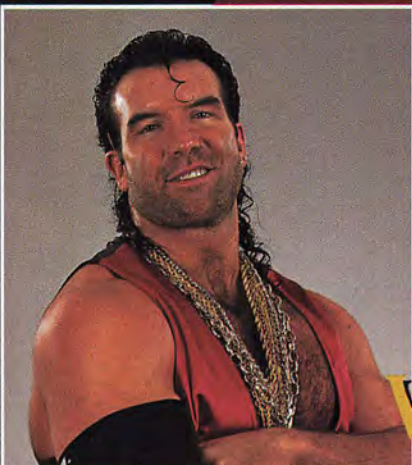


SHAWN MICHAELS



MR. PERFECT

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RAZOR RAMON



TED DIBIASE

VS



JERRY LAWLER

and gutter fighting at will, so smooth a master is he at getting away with illegal tactics between the ropes.

Oh boy. Here's a match that promises to be a tooth-and-nail affair. Tatanka and Sensational Sherri are slated to bang heads with Bam Bam Bigelow and Luna. Both Tatanka and Sherri have major scores to settle with their opponents. Bam Bam has ambushed Tatanka and brutalized him, psychologically as well as physically, cutting off the red hair that the Native American says symbolizes the blood of all his people. Luna has jumped Sherri and tried to tear her to shreds. Now Tatanka and Sherri are ready to return the favor.

The 1-2-3 Kid, who astonished the wrestling world by pulling off a surprising victory over Razor Ramon this spring, has a chance to pull off another major upset. He goes against Irwin R. Schyster, otherwise known as IRS. By now, however, the Kid is unable to take anyone by surprise. They all know what he can do. So you can bet that IRS will in no way underestimate him.

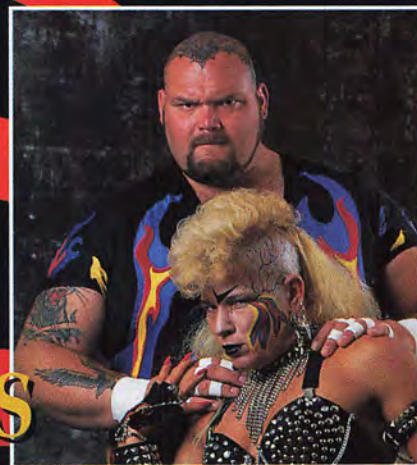
The Model Rick Martel hasn't been around the Federation very much of late. But now Marty Jannetty will take him on at *SummerSlam*. Jannetty, who this spring briefly held the Intercontinental Title before Shawn Michaels took it back from him, is out to prove that he remains a big-time name. He has promised he will put the Model in a plastic surgery clinic.

That's what we know about *SummerSlam* as we put this issue of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* to bed. What we know is exciting, but we are also sure that there is even more excitement to come. **WF**

The excitement is mounting. Wrestlers are vying to secure a spot on the card. Tension is in the air. Tempers are flaring. All this—and more—will reach the boiling point on Monday, August 30, at *SummerSlam 1993*. Don't miss the explosion of this summer's sizzler!



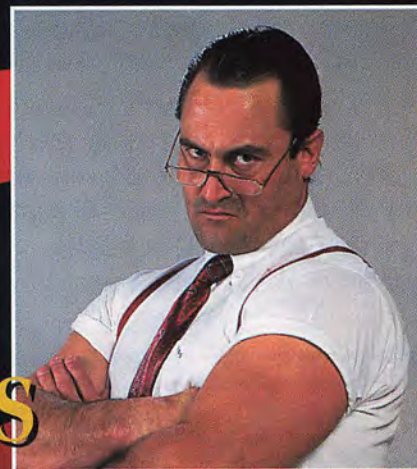
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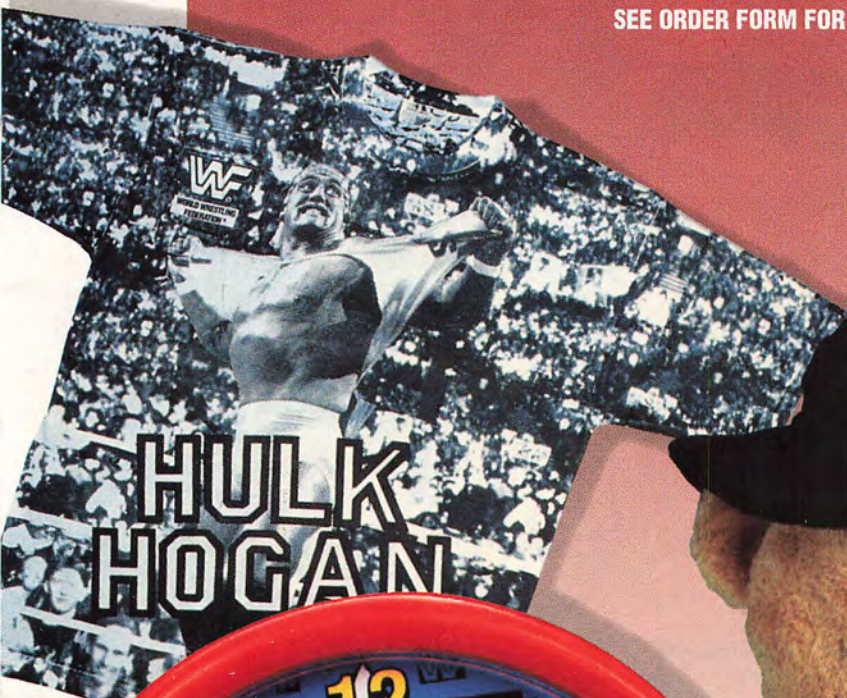
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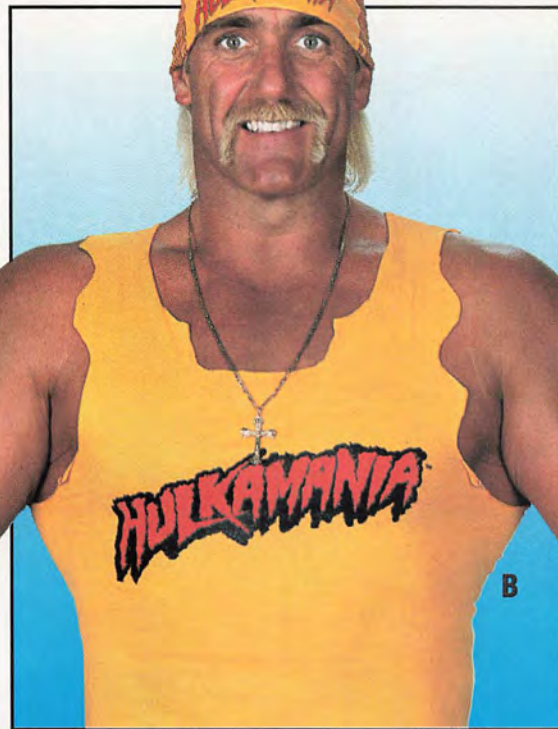
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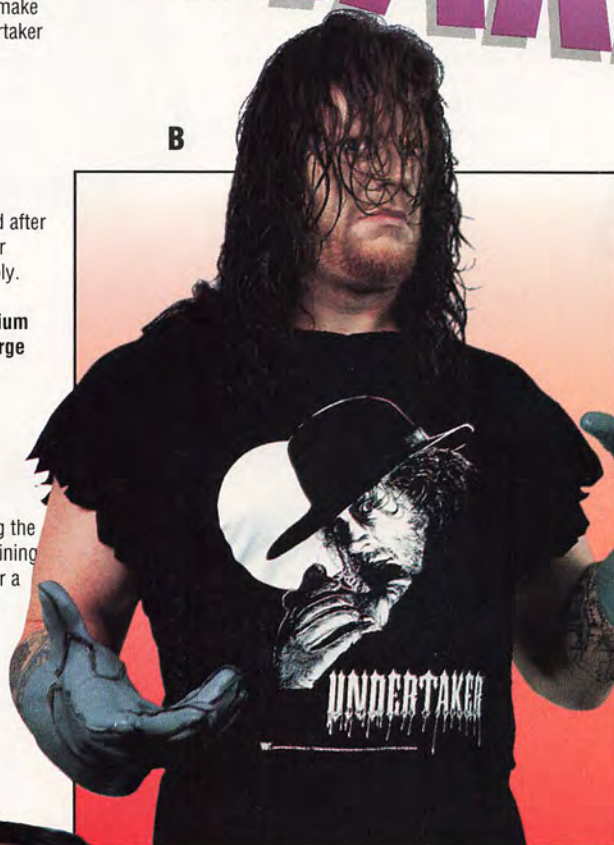
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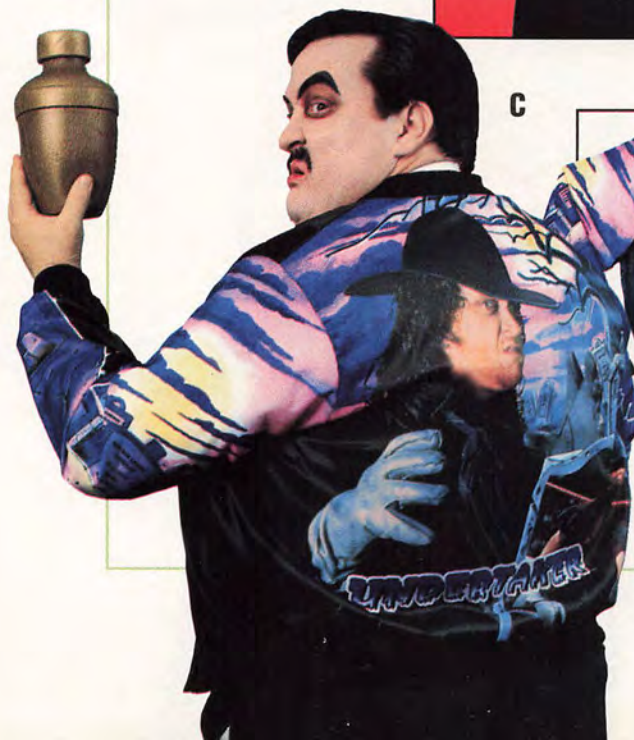
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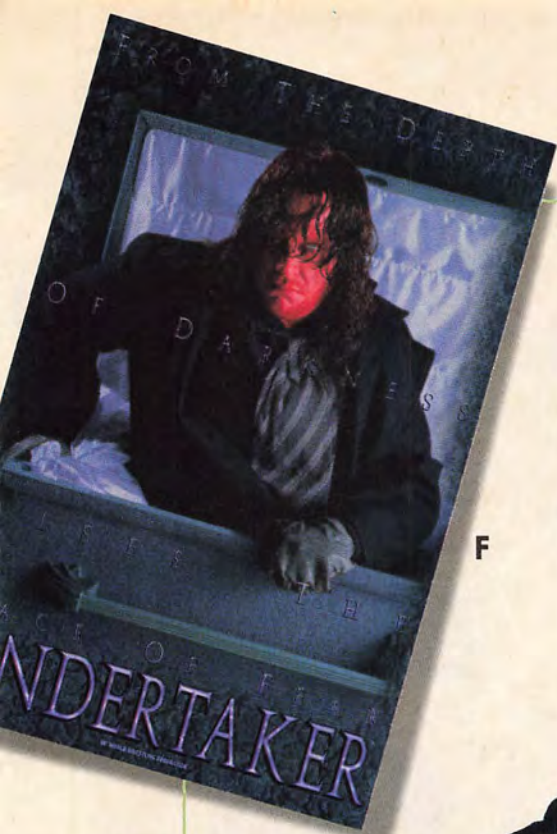
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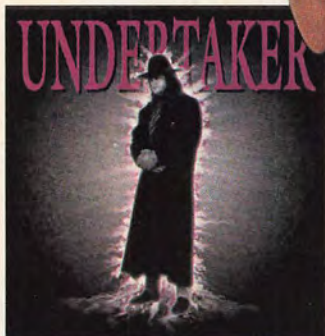
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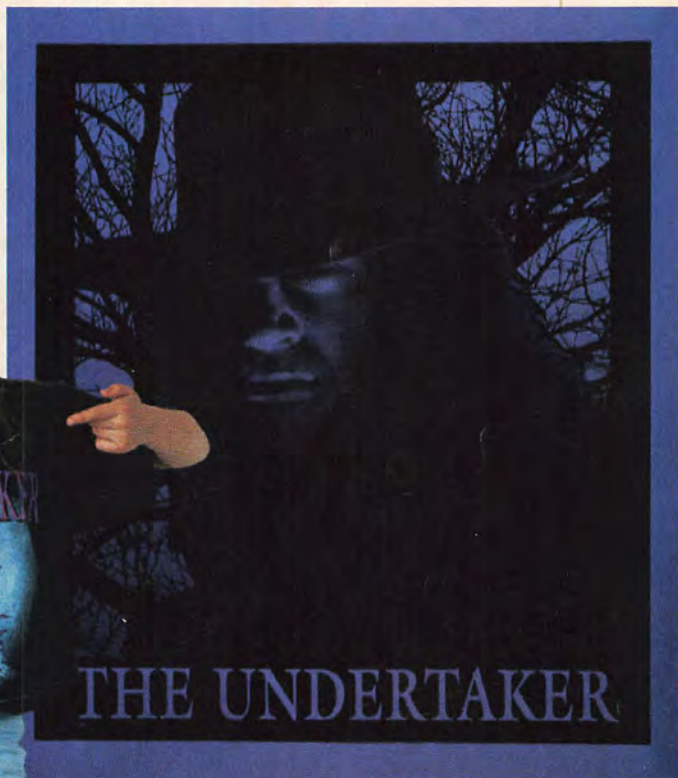
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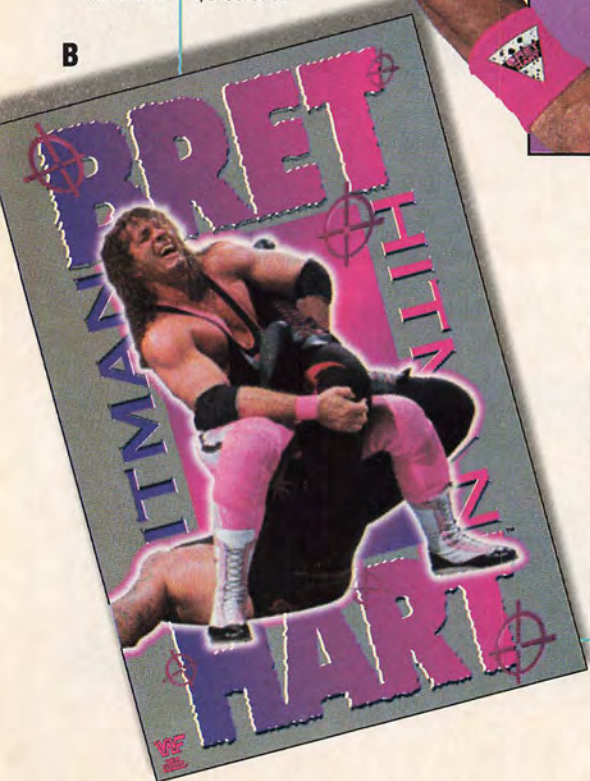
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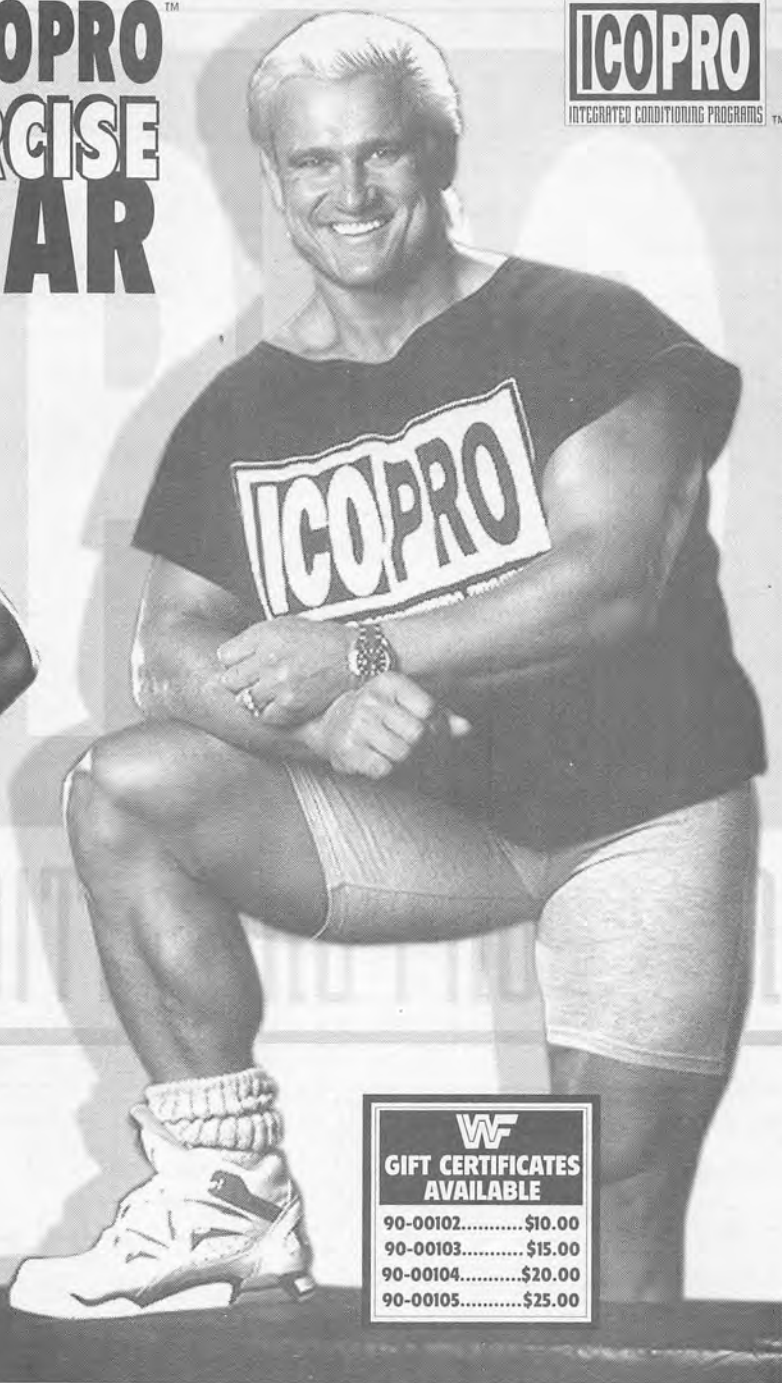
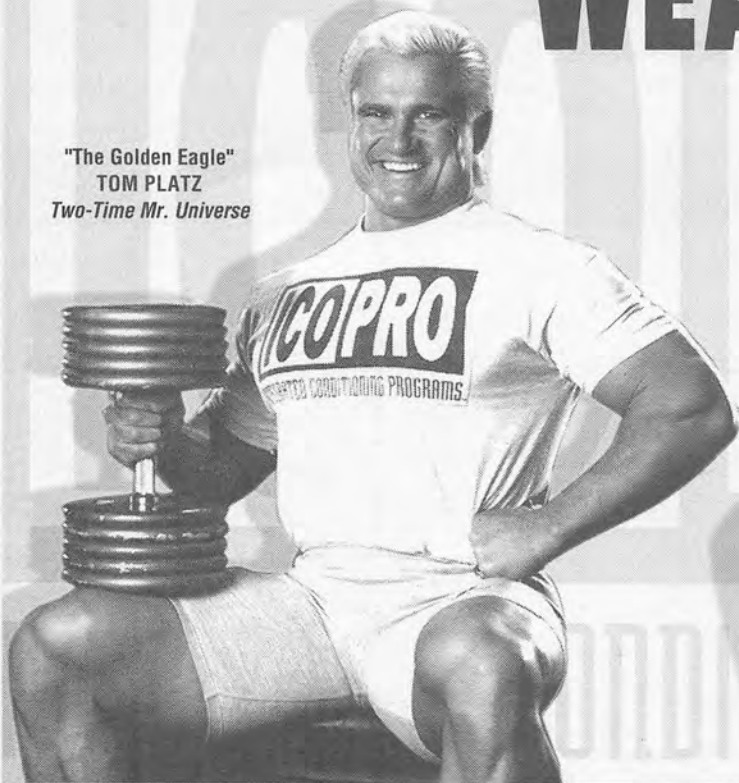
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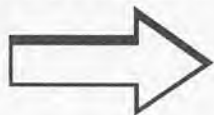
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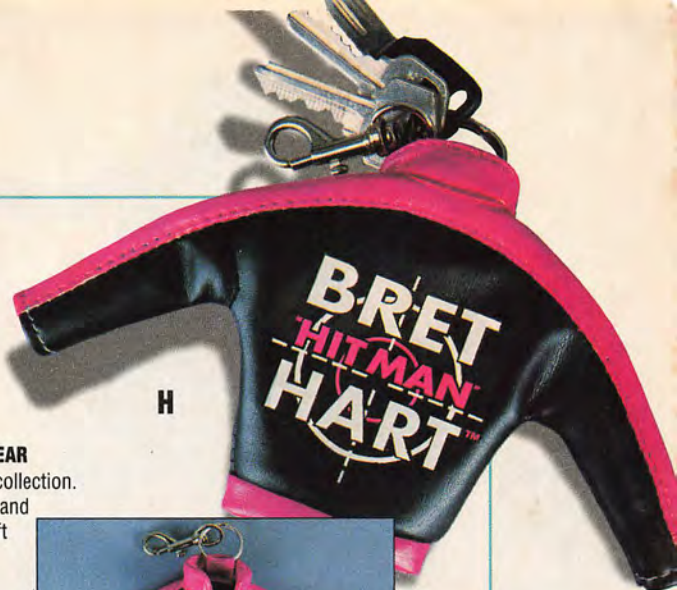
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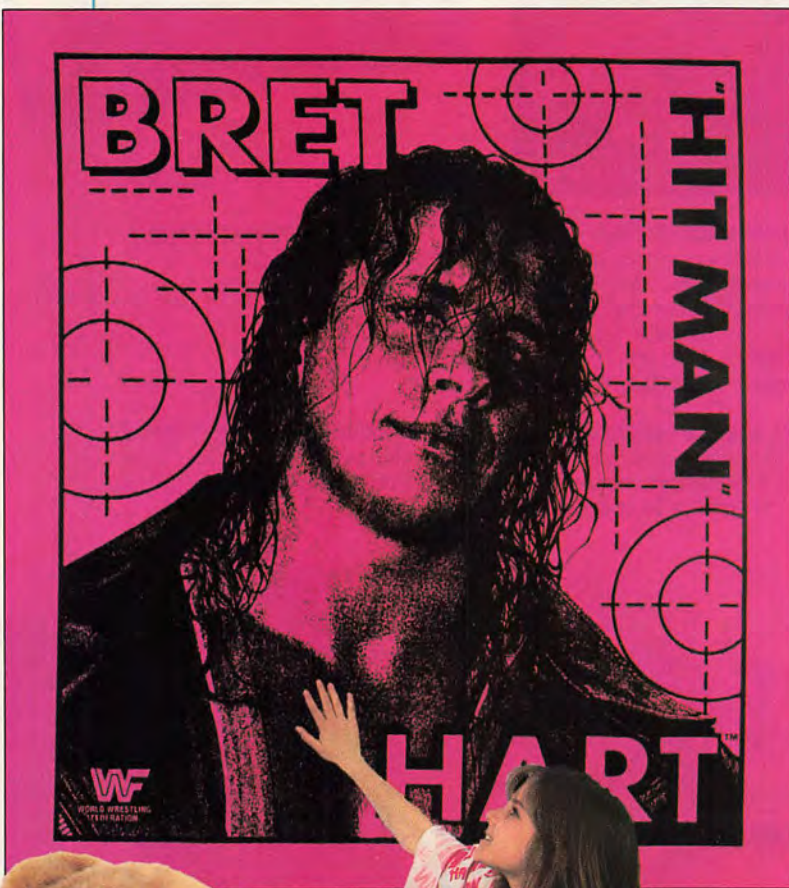
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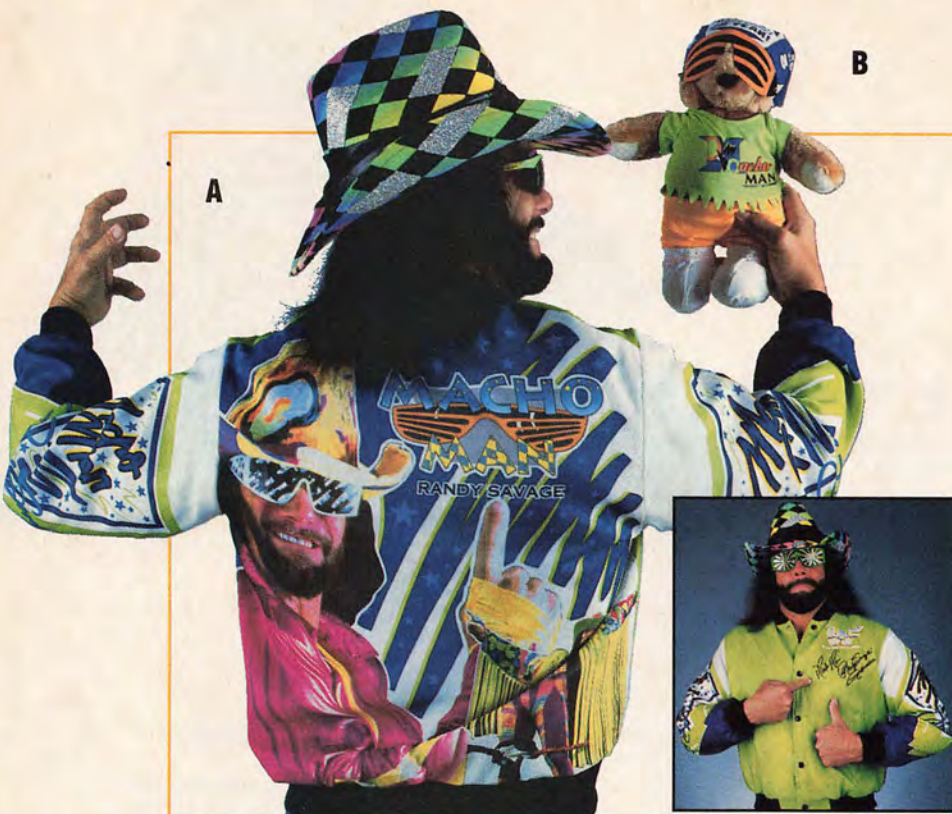
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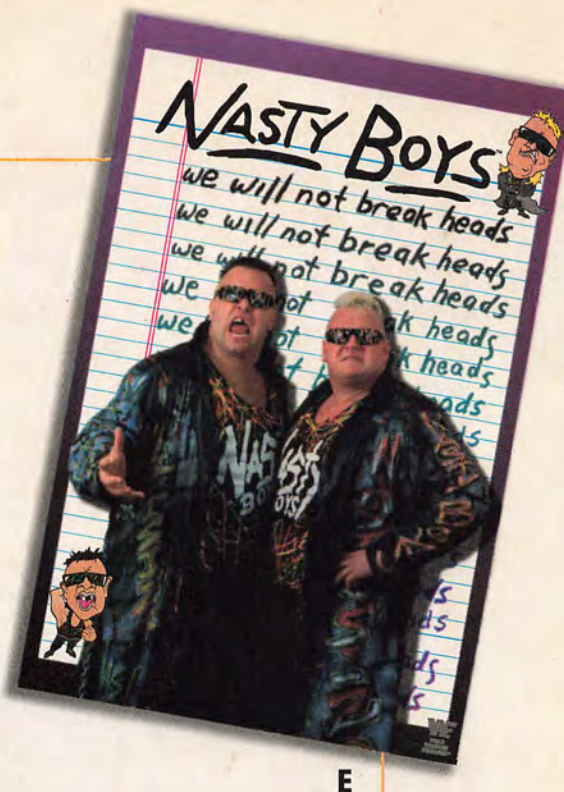
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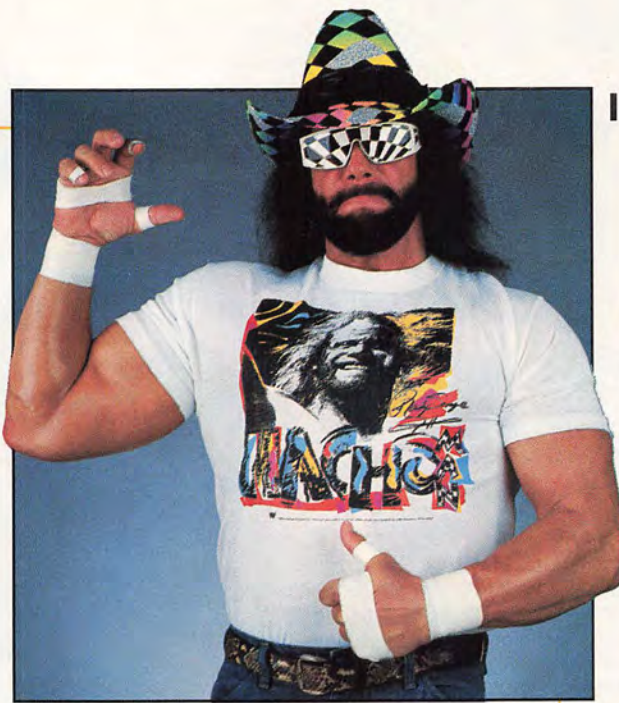


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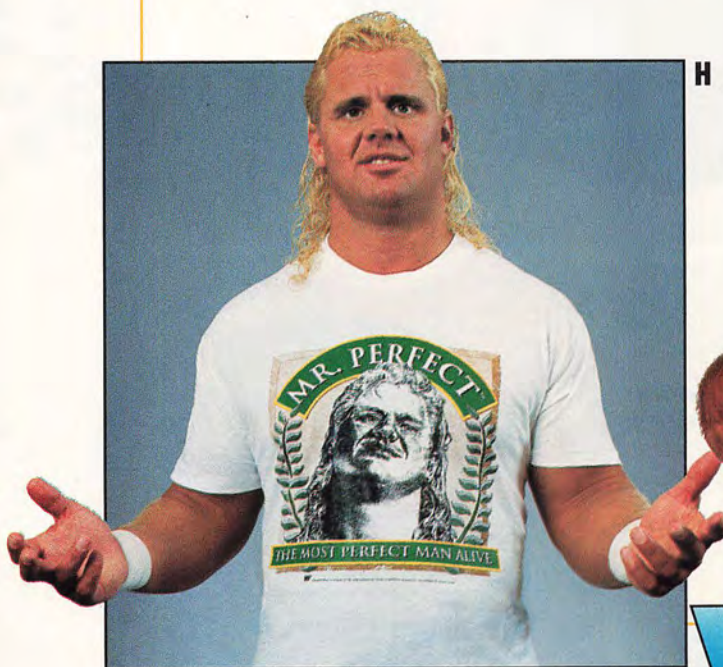
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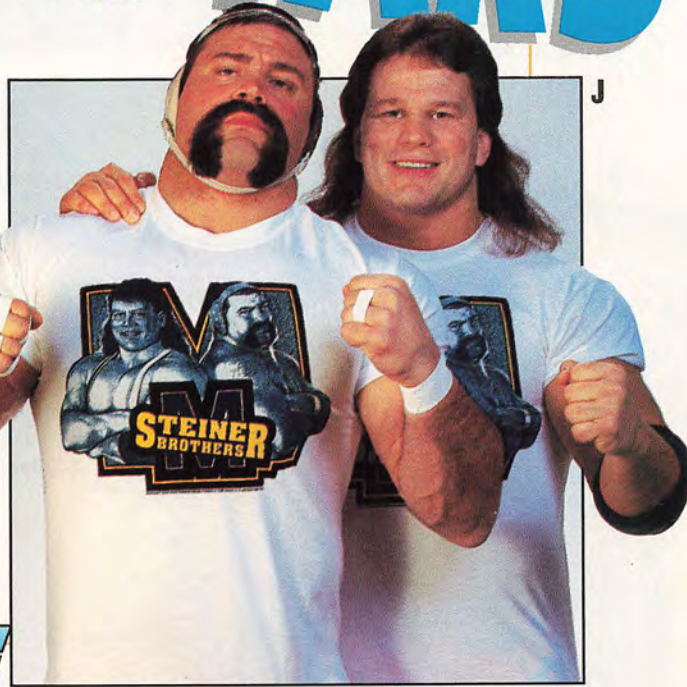


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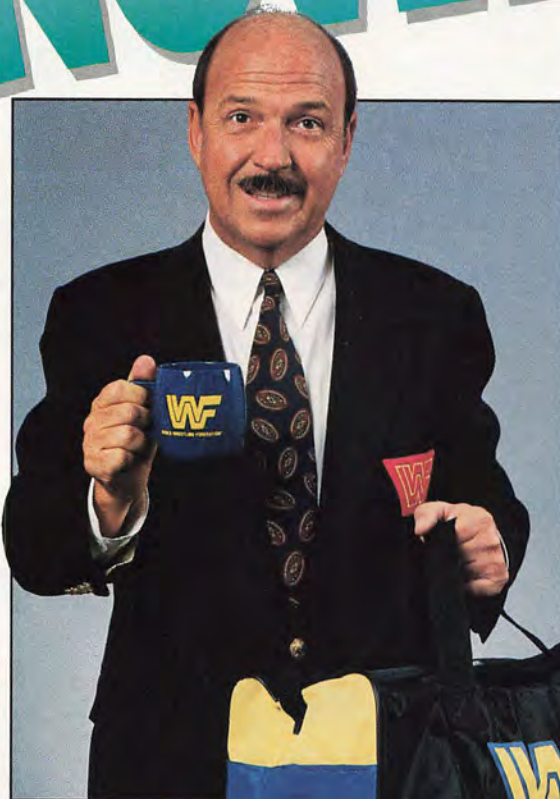
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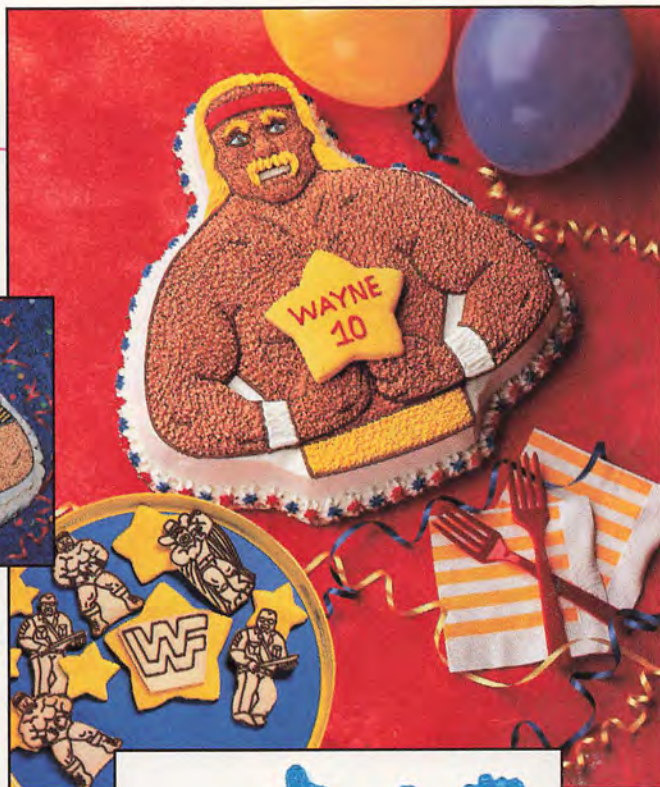


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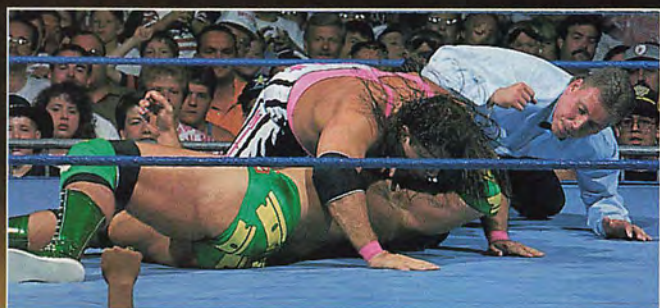
OPENING ROUND

BRET HART VS RAZOR RAMON

Going for it all, Razor tossed Bret through the ropes and into the steel ring post and gained near falls with a crushing fallaway slam and a mighty powerslam. But Hart won through his

masterful defensive skills, even fighting his way out of Ramon's deadly Razor's Edge. When Razor attempted a superplex, Hit Man shifted his weight in mid-air and fell on top for a victory.

In the opening round, Bret "Hit Man" Hart crashed atop Razor Ramon to get the win.



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RESULTS

By Keith Elliot Greenberg



MR. PERFECT VS MR. HUGHES

Hughes was a difficult man to take down—even a Perfect dropkick didn't do it. Hughes took the offensive with a headbutt, a big foot to the face, a clothesline and a snapmare. Resorting to back-alley treachery, Hughes smashed Perfect with the urn he had previ-

ously stolen from the Undertaker. But the referee witnessed this tactic and disqualified Hughes, allowing Perfect to advance in the tournament.

Perfect defeated Mr. Hughes when Hughes smashed him with the Undertaker's stolen urn, causing his disqualification.



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**HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN
 VS BAM BAM BIGELOW**

Hacksaw was at a disadvantage due to ribs injured early in the contest after accidentally charging into the corner. Twice, Duggan tried to bodyslam Bigelow but could not muster up the strength to follow through because of his aching ribs. Bigelow further increased the pressure by twice locking Duggan in excruciating bearhugs.

Even after Duggan managed to slam his 400-plus-pound opponent, Bigelow maintained the edge. He side-stepped his adversary as Duggan rushed forward from a three-point stance. As Duggan's head crashed into the turnbuckle, Bam Bam mounted the ropes, came off with a devastating flying headbutt and got the duke.

**TATANKA
 VS LEX LUGER**

Tatanka was on fire from the first, delivering a high back-body-drop, a clothesline and a high cross-bodyblock. As the clock ran down in the 15-minute contest, Luger experienced a surge, gaining near falls after a



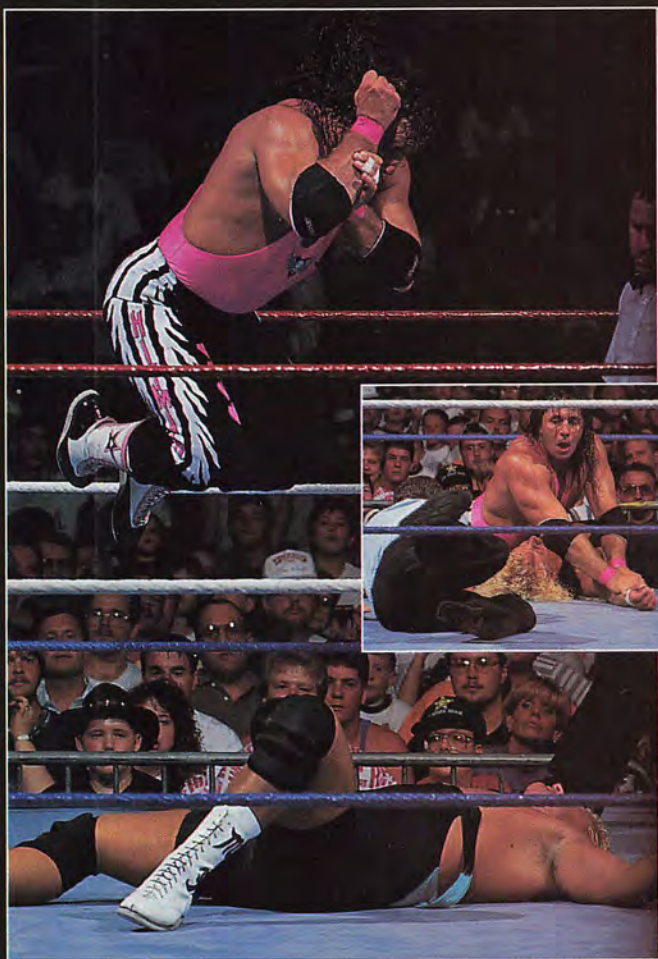
back flip, a reverse suplex and a backbreaker. The two men fought to the end, but the contest ended in a draw, eliminating both competitors. Bigelow, who was slated to face the winner of this clash, would receive a bye all the way to the finals.



SEMI-FINALS

BRET HART VS MR. PERFECT

The Hart-Perfect classic was a marvel of athleticism. The match appeared even until Perfect gained an edge with roughhouse tactics. Perfect kneed and stomped Hart, then battered him outside the ring and slammed his head into the ring apron. But Hart shocked Perfect with a suplex and trapped him in the figure-four leglock. His legs debilitated, Perfect escaped by grabbing the ropes. Bret held tough, reversing Perfect's Perfect-plex by tumbling over the top rope with Mr. P. In the ring, Perfect tried to get the three-count with an inside cradle, but Bret reversed it and won.



Tatanka and Luger wrestled to a time-limit draw, eliminating them both. Bigelow pinned Duggan. In the semi-finals Bret got by Perfect, and Bigelow advanced via a bye. In the finals, Bret met Bam Bam.



THE FINAL MATCH

BRET HART VS BAM BAM BIGELOW

Hart erred when he tried to engage the brutish Bigelow in a punchout. Bigelow responded with hammerlike fists, then hurled Hart over the top rope and unleashed ferocious head-butts. He punished Hart's lower back with a bear-hug and rattled him with several suplexes.

Outside the ring, Hart reversed an Irish whip into the guard rail, then delivered a flying elbow

onto the floor from the ring apron. As the action continued, Bam Bam's adviser Luna Vachon snuck out of the dressing room and bashed Hit Man with a chair. Hart was helpless as Bigelow



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OFFICIAL RESULTS



brought him back into the ring, came off the top rope with a flying headbutt and scored the pinfall. Or so it seemed. A second referee rushed to the ring, informed the first about Luna's interference, and the action was restarted.



SHAWN MICHAELS VS CRUSH
 FOR THE INTERCONTINENTAL TITLE

Each man started the action by showcasing his strong points. Crush knocked Shawn Michaels through the ropes with a running shoulderblock. But Michaels evaded



Crush's subsequent offensive maneuvers and jabbed him. Crush showed off his agility, leapfrogging Shawn and delivering two consecutive dropkicks before gorilla-pressing Shawn and tossing him to ringside.

Fearing for his title, Michaels turned to Diesel. While the bodyguard and Crush jawed at one another, Shawn jumped Crush from behind. Then Michaels rammed him into the ringpost. Then Diesel, Michaels' body-

Given this second chance, the Hit Man would not allow his opponent an inch of breathing space. After several attempts to wrap up the match, Hart achieved his goal by propping himself up on Bam Bam's shoulders and pinning him with a victory roll.

Yet, the celebration was tainted. As Hart was crowned, Jerry "The King" Lawler appeared, calling the winner "the pretender to my crown." Lawler demanded that

Bret kiss his feet as a sign of homage. When Hart scoffed at the man he deemed nothing more than a "Burger King," Lawler went wild, attacking Hit Man with a scepter, destroying his crown, crashing a throne on top of him and leaving him lying on the verge of unconsciousness—no doubt vowing revenge at a future time.

Although Bret beat Bigelow and became King of the Ring, he was sabotaged by Lawler. In a match for the title belt, Michaels beat Crush.



guard, committed the same act a few more times. Crush rebounded, lifting Michaels and clotheslining him across the top rope. Crush hit with a high backbody-drop, a backbreaker, a big foot, a legdrop and a running clothesline.

With Shawn in pain on the arena floor, Crush was shocked to see two Dinks marching out of the dressing room. He stopped to survey them. That was the break Michaels needed. He slipped behind Crush and quickly pinned him. **WF**

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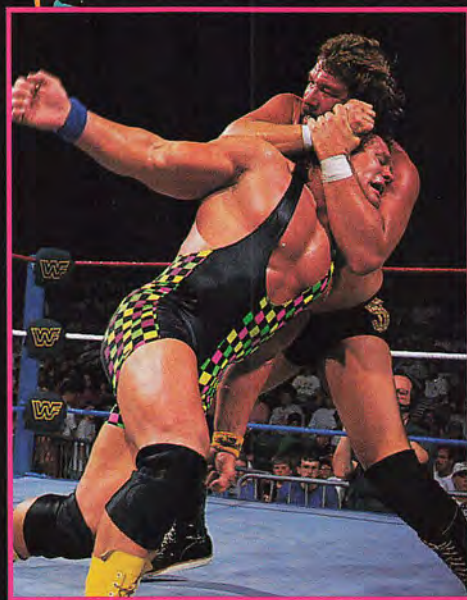
The World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Championship changed hands back and forth between current Champions Rick and Scotty Steiner and Money Inc., the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase and Irwin R. Schyster, also known as IRS. These teams clashed at locations around the Midwest in June until the Steiner Brothers won the belts a final time in St. Louis, Missouri. Here's how it all went down.

Columbus, Ohio, June 14, 1993—Rick and Scotty defeated Money Inc. in the opening match of the night at the Convention Center. It was a grueling battle, with both teams exchanging barrage after barrage of punishing tactics.

Midway through the contest, Money Inc. focused attention on Scotty and hammered him with reckless abandon. They double-teamed him and distracted the referee in order to torture Scotty with illegal chokes and eye rakes.

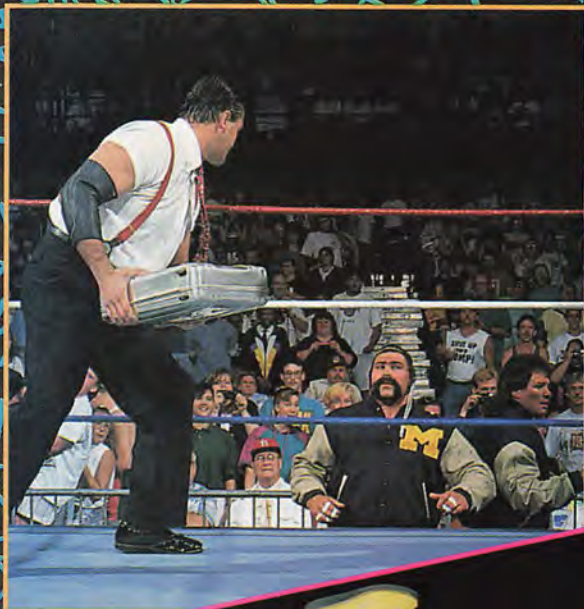
Scotty suffered. Money Inc. beat him down to the mat and tried to stomp the living daylight out of him.

However, the tide turned after Scotty and IRS struck the canvas as a result of a head-to-head collision. Dazed and disoriented, both athletes crawled toward their respective corners. IRS tagged DiBiase, who rushed at Scotty. But just before the Million Dollar Man was able



EMATCHES

The Steiner Brothers, Rick and Scotty, captured the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Belts from Money Inc., the Million Dollar Man and IRS.



In a week's time, the Steiners won the belts from Money Inc. in Columbus, Ohio, lost them in Rockford, Illinois, and then won them back again in St. Louis, Missouri.



to inflict further damage, Scotty lunged and tagged his brother, who's better known in some circles as the Dog Face Gremlin.

Rick went on a tear. He launched a Steinerline at DiBiase and then one at IRS when he re-entered the fray. At that point, a four-way donnybrook enveloped the contest.

DiBiase doubled up Rick with a low blow and attempted to piledrive him into the mat. Just when it seemed as if DiBiase would score with the tactic, Scotty scaled the top turnbuckle and bounded into DiBiase with a clothesline that knocked the stuffings out of him. With DiBiase out, Rick covered his opponent and hooked his leg while the referee registered the three-count. The Steiner Brothers were the new Tag Team Champions.

But they didn't have much time savor the victory.

Rockford, Illinois, June 16, 1993—Two days after the Steiners' championship win over Money Inc., the former champions were granted a rematch at the Metro Centre. The Million Dollar Man and IRS were determined to recapture the gold.

They decided to use every dirty trick in the book to do it. They used distraction, especially when the referee's attention was diverted. They used brute force, especially when the action spilled to the arena floor. That's where DiBiase punished Scotty with several bodyslams on the cement.

Although the Steiners came back and had Money Inc. on the run, IRS and DiBiase were not to be denied the title this evening.

In the end, Money Inc.—during a melee between them and the Steiners—used a loaded metal briefcase and blasted Scotty to win the match and the Tag Team Championship.

Because of the controversial ending of the Rockford match, the Steiners petitioned the World Wrestling Federation Championship Committee and demanded one final match with Money Inc. The Committee deliberated for several hours and then agreed that a final match between the teams was justified according to the guidelines found in the official rulebook.

St. Louis, Missouri, June 19, 1993—The match took place in the historic St. Louis Arena, where the last chapter in the tag team title story would be written. Both teams knew that this was a do-or-die situation. Money Inc. realized that if they beat the Steiners, then they wouldn't have to contend with their threat in future matches. Likewise, the Steiners knew if they were unable to beat Money Inc., then their chances at tag team supremacy would be squelched until they once again reached top contention, which could possibly take months.

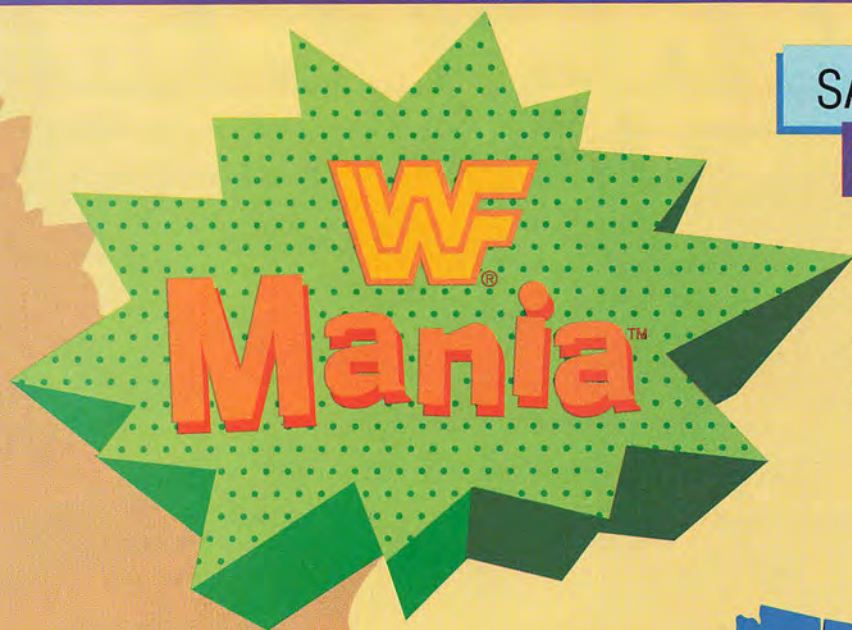
Fate would be on the Steiners' side that evening, however. Perhaps thinking that Scotty was still hurting from the clash in Columbus, Money Inc. unleashed a brutal attack on him and did everything within their power to immobilize him.

Money Inc. double-teamed him with numerous legal moves—such as axhandles, chinlocks and suplexes—as well as with illegal tactics—such as chokeholds, eye rakes and questionable boots.

After several minutes of enduring this torture, Scotty relied on luck and instinct and was able to boot IRS in the mush when he bounded off the top turnbuckle with an attempted axhandle. Scotty tagged Rick, who immediately went on the warpath. He delivered a pair of Steinerlines that sent Money Inc. reeling to the mat. Then Scotty—after he had recuperated—tagged in and clotheslined the Million Dollar Man, who was the legal man in the ring.

With adrenaline rushing through his veins, Scotty bounced DiBiase off the ropes and then—using one of the most remarkable maneuvers known to the ring—stung Mr. Money Bags with the Frankensteiner flying reverse headscissors pinning combination. That was it. Scotty lateral-pressed DiBiase and got the pin and—once again—the Federation Tag Team Belts! **WF**

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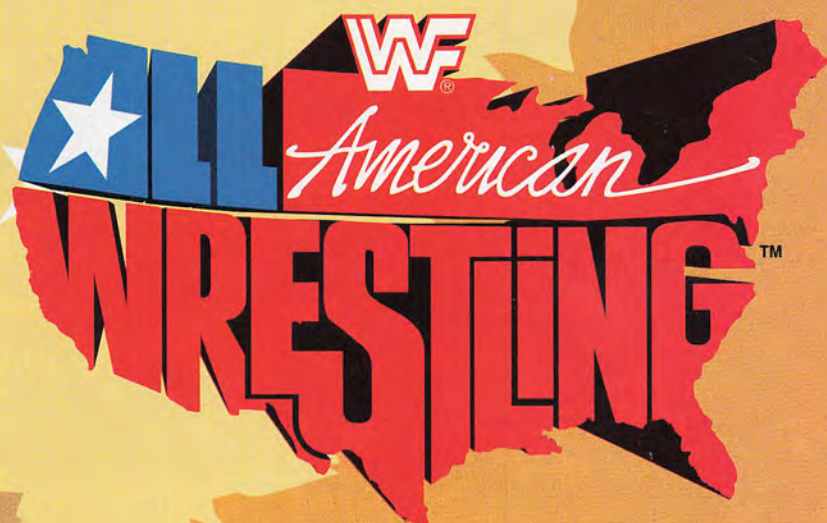


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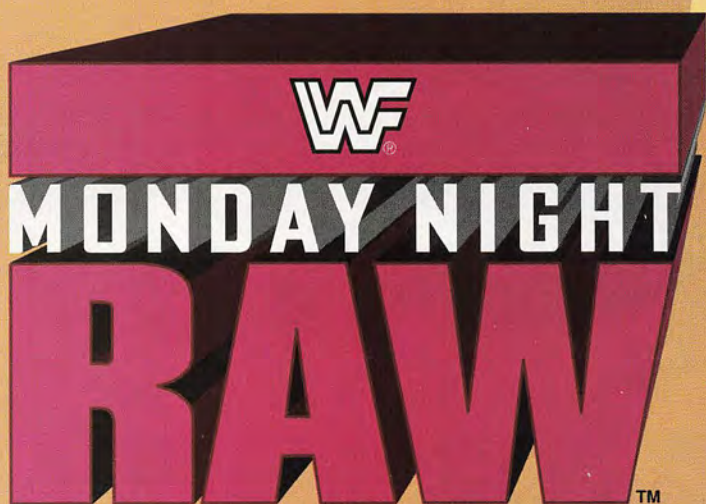
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In early 1991, a physician named George Zahorian was charged with illegally dispensing steroids. Dr. Zahorian was a licensed physician who had been appointed by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission as the doctor on duty for some of the World Wrestling Federation events that were held in Pennsylvania.

Because of Zahorian's association with the Federation and the immense popularity of the World Wrestling Federation and its publicity value, it became quite clear prior to the trial of Dr. Zahorian that the case was being turned into a trial of the World Wrestling Federation.

The pretrial publicity heightened when Eldridge Coleman, a/k/a Superstar Billy Graham, arrived on the scene and indicated that he would testify as a rebuttal witness on behalf of the government at the trial. Graham has since claimed that attorneys acting on his behalf initiated the contact with the prosecution that led to his appearance at the trial. Before the trial was over, the motive for his actions became very clear.

Near the conclusion of the trial, Graham hobbled into court and became a witness for the government. When his testimony was all boiled down, he attempted to blame Dr. Zahorian for his steroid abuse and injuries to his left hip and right ankle, which Graham tried to claim were caused by his steroid abuse. Despite repeated cautions from the trial judge, Graham took every opportunity to offer his own medical opinion that his ailments were steroid-related and caused by Dr. Zahorian. He downplayed anyone else's role (including his own) relative to his steroid use. His testimony was designed and delivered to blame Titan and Zahorian for his ailments.

As he left the courthouse following his testimony, Graham held a press conference to announce that he would provide details of a suit he (Graham) intended to file the week after the Zahorian verdict against the steroid manufacturers, Dr. Zahorian and Titan for his supposedly steroid-related injuries. How convenient that the Zahorian trial had provided the forum for his announced plans. On June 27, 1991, following Graham's testimony, Zahorian was convicted. After the Zahorian verdict, Graham did not move to file a suit against anybody. Instead, his representative demanded \$1.25 million not to file suit against the World Wrestling Federation.

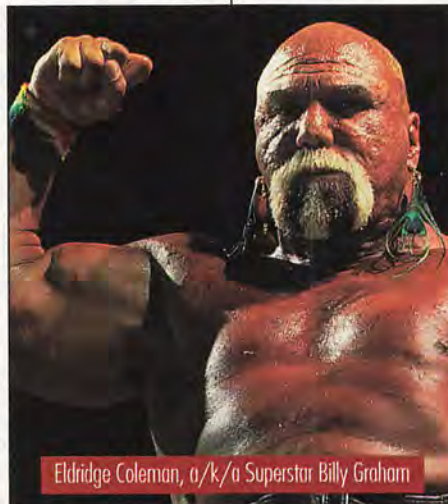
Graham's representative also indicated that various scandalous allegations unrelated to Graham's steroid use would also be publicized if his "settlement" demand was not met. Quite properly, Titan refused to pay Graham's demands.

After Titan refused to pay Graham \$1.25 million, he still did not file a formal legal complaint. Instead, he filed a one-page document to try to stop the statute of limitations from running out on his claim. Of course, Graham then bragged about his lawsuit when in fact there really wasn't one. Eventually, Titan took steps to compel Graham to file his suit. Titan is now in the process known in the legal profession as "discovery" relative to Graham's complaint. Recently, Titan's counsel, Jerry McDevitt, questioned Graham under oath during a five-day deposition that has yet to be concluded. Among many other things the deposition

established that Graham's steroid use had not begun "around 1970" as he testified in the Zahorian trial. In fact, his steroid abuse began several years earlier, before Graham was ever affiliated with wrestling in any way. Furthermore, his testimony in the Zahorian trial that he got steroids in his early years from "a doctor in Phoenix" and "another doctor in Los Angeles" was also shown not to be the whole truth. In fact, Graham had multiple suppliers of steroids while in Phoenix and used them concurrently. He purchased steroids from so many different doctors that he now claims he can't remember their names. The deposition also revealed that Graham was purchasing steroids from his personal doctor in Phoenix

during the time he testified that Dr. Zahorian had supplied him with 95 percent of his steroids. In fact, at least two of the physicians from whom Graham bought steroids in Phoenix were disciplined by the state medical board in December of 1982.

Who then is Billy Graham? Our investigation (necessitated by his lawsuit) has revealed that he is a high school dropout and has never held a regular job. He has a well-documented past of tax liens as well as non-support orders for the two children he left behind when he married for the fifth time. He was one of the earliest abusers of steroids when steroids were viewed differently and not regulated by the federal government. His steroid abuse began at least by 1966, and he claims to have stopped using them in 1989. Graham admitted that he was a steroid abuser during the entirety of that 23-year period. Graham presents himself as if he



Eldridge Coleman, a/k/a Superstar Billy Graham

were a professional wrestler associated with the World Wrestling Federation throughout that 23-year period. As to TitanSports, Inc., Graham spent only a little over one year of that period wrestling for the company that was owned and operated by Vincent K. McMahon.

Graham worked as a bouncer in Phoenix bars during his early years of steroid use in the 1966 timeframe. He got steroids from a variety of physicians in the Phoenix area and now admits that he did not tell each physician he was obtaining steroids from other sources at the same time. One of his physicians eventually lost his license; another committed suicide; yet another was disciplined for indiscriminate dispensation of steroids. Eventually, Graham moved to Venice Beach, California, where steroids spread rapidly within the bodybuilding cult of that era. He hung around with fabled body builders of that era and at one time trained regularly with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

In the late '60s, Graham tried out for several professional football teams in the U.S. and Canada. His steroid use continued while in football. When he did not cut it in football, Graham went back to Phoenix and resumed his career as a bouncer in Phoenix bars. Around 1970, he started hanging around the fringes of wrestling. He was one of the few wrestlers of that era to use steroids and, ironically, is substantially responsible for the subsequent spread of steroids to other wrestlers.

On October 25, 1975, Graham agreed to wrestle for Vince J. McMahon's company, Capitol Wrestling Corp. Vince K. McMahon, the owner of TitanSports, Inc., had no role in the decision by Capitol Wrestling to promote Graham, nor did he have an ownership interest in his father's company. Graham's initial tour with Capitol Wrestling lasted a few months, and he left on May 29, 1976. Dr. Zahorian was not even in medical school at this time, and Graham had already completed at least a decade of continuous steroid abuse.

After his initial tour with Capitol Wrestling, Graham wrestled for other outfits or worked as a bouncer again in bars. On April 30, 1977, his second tour with Capitol Wrestling opened with a title match against Bruno Sammartino, the reigning champion, which Graham won by pin. Graham's second run with Capitol lasted until December 16, 1978. Again, Vincent K. McMahon had no role in this decision nor any ownership interest in Capitol Wrestling. It is unclear whether Graham met Dr. Zahorian during his second tour with Capitol or not. Graham has claimed that he did meet Dr. Zahorian in that timeframe but has given different answers as to exactly when he did. Dr. Zahorian testified at his trial that he didn't have a D.E.A. number until 1980. Even if Graham did meet Zahorian in 1977, it is clear that Graham used steroids for at least 11 years before he could have met Zahorian.

After his second tour, Graham immersed himself even deeper into steroid abuse. Between the years of 1978 and 1982, he largely turned himself into a steroid guinea pig and was not affiliated with wrestling at all when he did. He promoted a bodybuilding event and admits to injecting one of the participants with steroids. In 1980, Graham decided to compete in the World's Strongest Man contest. By his own admission, he took huge amounts of steroids to prepare for the contest. Before and after the contest he obtained steroids and other drugs from one of his physicians in Phoenix on a regular basis. He took quantities he now admits he understood were used to induce side effects in lab rats. In the same timeframe, he lost his hair and he was rumored in the print media to have died.

In late 1982, Graham called Vince K. McMahon seeking to

get back into wrestling. By this time Vince McMahon was running his own company, TitanSports. Graham was pretty much washed up as a wrestler during this tour, which lasted only six months, from October 4, 1982, to April 25, 1983. During his deposition, Graham admitted he was a drug addict during that tour and that he had taken two overdoses during this short stint. He was unreliable and was let go. For a couple of years thereafter, Graham bounced around the minor leagues of wrestling or the inevitable Phoenix bars.

At least as early as 1984, Graham began to experience physical problems with his left hip. He was, however, destitute and deeply in debt. He responded to this dilemma by calling Vince K. McMahon and asking him for work as a wrestler, representing himself to be fit and able. Although Graham was 43 at the time, McMahon agreed to promote him and spent substantial time and money promoting the return of Billy Graham. Eventually, the time came for Graham to make his debut match on his second run with Titan. In his recent deposition, Graham admitted that his hip problem, studiously hidden from Titan at the time, was in fact so bad he secretly got two huge cortisone shots in his hip the night before the match to enable him to get into the ring for his first match. After a horrible match that did not last two minutes—and during which films show him clearly favoring his hip—he announced that his hip was shot and needed medical attention. In his deposition, Graham admitted that he knew and had been told he would need a hip replacement before entering the ring that night and that he did not reveal that to Titan.

Vince McMahon did not respond to Graham's problem by pointing out that Graham *had defrauded* him. Instead, he agreed to help Graham. Titan paid approximately \$30,000 for Graham's hip operation at a prestigious medical center in California. Titan paid Graham \$1,000 a week while getting the operation and during his lengthy convalescence from it. When Graham improved, he tried to wrestle for about six months and was not very good at it. When he could no longer wrestle, he was paid to be a manager. When he couldn't manage, he was tried as a color commentator. When he couldn't do that, there was nothing else to try, and his last affiliation with Titan ceased. In sum, Vince McMahon paid to help Graham have his operation and carried him for three years. During the nearly three years, Graham was paid nearly \$200,000. Although Graham tries to portray himself as crippled by years of steroid abuse while a World Wrestling Federation wrestler, the fact is that he wrestled for TitanSports approximately *one year* during his now-admitted 23 years of steroid abuse. He furthermore admits that he had the injury to his left hip when he returned for his final tour. He has not held a job since leaving Titan. His goal now seems to be winning the lawsuits he has filed to compensate him for his own self-inflicted abuse.

But what about the rest of Graham's threat that was communicated via his representative to Titan? Certainly Graham had formed odd alliances just prior to the Zahorian trial. Throughout the end of 1991, Graham, in conjunction with David Shultz, tried his best to generate news adverse to Titan. In late 1991, Graham worked the tabloid media writers as well as the so-called "wrestling media."

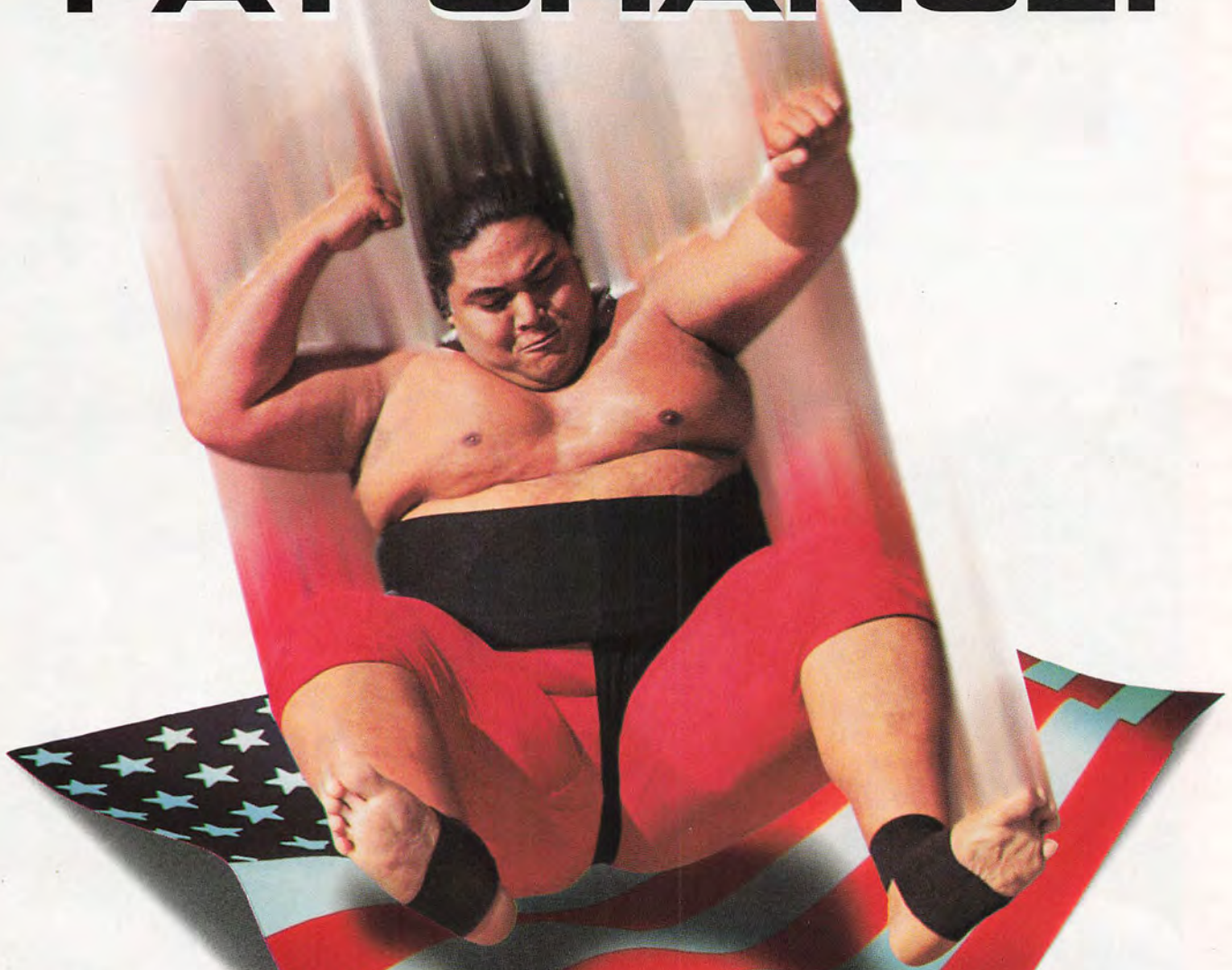
Beginning in early 1992, the gossip sheets printed the tales of Tom Cole, Murray Hodgson, David Shultz, Rita Marie Chatterton and other unnamed sources pointing the finger at sex scandals within TitanSports, Inc., and the World Wrestling Federation.

In the upcoming issues, we will provide the facts on that cast of characters. **WF**

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★ STARS AND STRIPES CHALLENGE ★



LEX GOES FOR THE BIG ONE

Luger To Meet Yokozuna

At SummerSlam

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THE 4TH OF JULY!

AND PROPS



Yokozuna, the mammoth World Wrestling Federation Champion, stopped for a few moments during the *Stars and Stripes Challenge* to eat several mouthfuls of rice. When the event aboard the carrier *USS Intrepid* in New York City was over, Yoko and his America-bashing manager, Mr. Fuji, were eating crow.

Fuji had challenged any American athlete who dared to try and slam the gargantuan sumo wrestler, Yokozuna, who weighed in at 568 pounds. A bunch of them—including stars of the NFL, NHL and NBA as well as the Federation—signed up. But none of them could do it, although Crush came close. But an unscheduled participant, Lex Luger, came forward for the honor of his country and put Yoko on the mat. Now, after a long, hard campaign to gain a title shot, Luger is scheduled to meet Yokozuna for the belt at *SummerSlam*.

Luger had to work almost as hard to get the match as he did in slamming Yokozuna. Mr. Fuji, shocked at Luger's achievement, tried to avoid the match. Luger took to the road on a barnstorming campaign during which he rallied the support of



Americans everywhere, and Federation President Jack Tunney gave him what he wanted.

Given the power of the athletes who tried to slam Yokozuna and failed, Luger's feat was astonishing. Under a broiling July 4 sun on the flight deck of the carrier, a crowd of flag-waving spectators cheered on the likes of the NFL's Bill Fralic, Gary Baldinger and Keith Simms; the NBA's Scott Burrell; and the NHL's Sean Cronin and Peter Taglianetti. But it was to no avail. Yokozuna stood firm.

Bob Backlund couldn't do it either. Nor could either of the Steiner Brothers, the Federation Tag Team Champions. Tatanka got into a brawl with Yoko, who flattened him. Crush went at Yoko hard and managed to get both his feet off the

At the Stars and Stripes Challenge aboard the USS Intrepid, the excitement mounted as athlete after athlete tried to slam Yokozuna. But only the superbly muscled Lex Luger was able to bring the big man down and earn the right to go for Yokozuna's title at the upcoming SummerSlam.

ground, but he could not make the slam. Macho Man Randy Savage, co-host of the event, decided to give it a try and also failed.

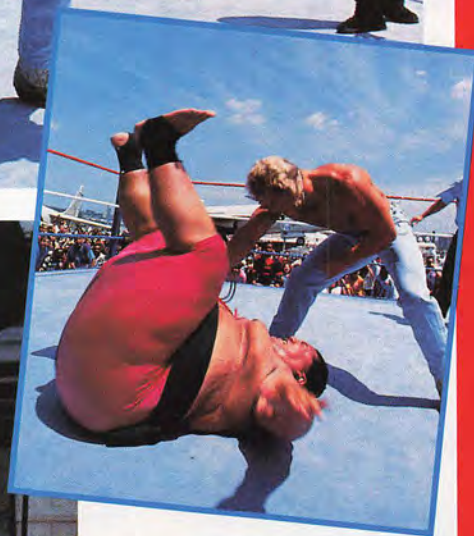
Yoko and Fuji celebrated their victory over America's best, made even sweeter by the site at which it occurred: the Intrepid Air, Sea and Space Museum, a monument to American courage.

In their joy, the two did not hear the helicopter circling overhead, preparing to land on the flight deck. Aboard the helicopter, wearing a shirt with Old Glory's colors, was Luger. After landing, Luger strode through the surprised crowd, which

began to cheer its unexpected hero with mounting anticipation.

While Mr. Fuji protested that the event was officially over, Luger proclaimed that, on Independence Day, he was there full of pride in his country and himself and told Yokozuna, "You're not leaving here without being slammed."

For his protestations, Fuji was tossed out of the ring by Luger like a sack of rice. Whether or not Fuji liked it, Yokozuna had to accept Luger's challenge. The two stood chest to chest and stared at each other. Luger's face was as hard as the Washington Monument. Yoko's



seemed to have a trace of worry. Yokozuna backed up, gathered his might and charged at America's hope. Big mistake. Luger put Yokozuna into the turnbuckle, clobbered him with a steel-plated forearm—and then it happened. Fluidly, Luger, his massive muscles tensed, scooped up the giant Sumo Grand

Champion, hoisted him into the air and smashed him to the mat with thunderous impact.

Ironically, at the time, President Clinton was on his way to Tokyo for trade negotiations. Luger had done some negotiating on his own and had made a statement about America. When Americans set their mind to it, there's nothing they cannot do.

In the brilliant sunshine, Luger, holding two American flags, was hoisted up on the shoulders of the other participants in the challenge, while the band played *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

Now Luger must complete what he started out to do. At *SummerSlam* he vows he will bring the title back to America. **WF**



THE LEX EXPRESS

Fresh off slamming Yokozuna on July 4, Lex Luger boarded the "Lex Express" to begin his 45-day, 40-city "Call to Action" campaign.

The custom Lex Express departed from World Headquarters in Stamford, CT, on July 15, bound for Philadelphia and Washington, DC. The tour then headed back north through the upper Midwest, visiting Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. Then on to Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles before heading back east and culminating in Detroit on Monday, August 30, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, site of *SummerSlam*. While crossing the country, Lex visited radio and TV stations, newspapers, hospitals and malls, making appearances and greeting fans.

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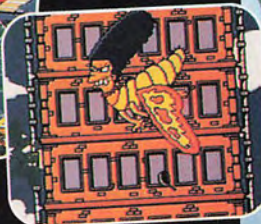
Bart's in deep, deep trouble! To find his homework, he has to outwit the bazooka-firing Itchy and Scratchy, battle the mighty Homer Kong, escape the dreaded Momthra, and more! Help him if you dare...but hurry! The fire-breathing, laser-firing Bartzilla is coming... and this dream has nightmare written all over it!!!



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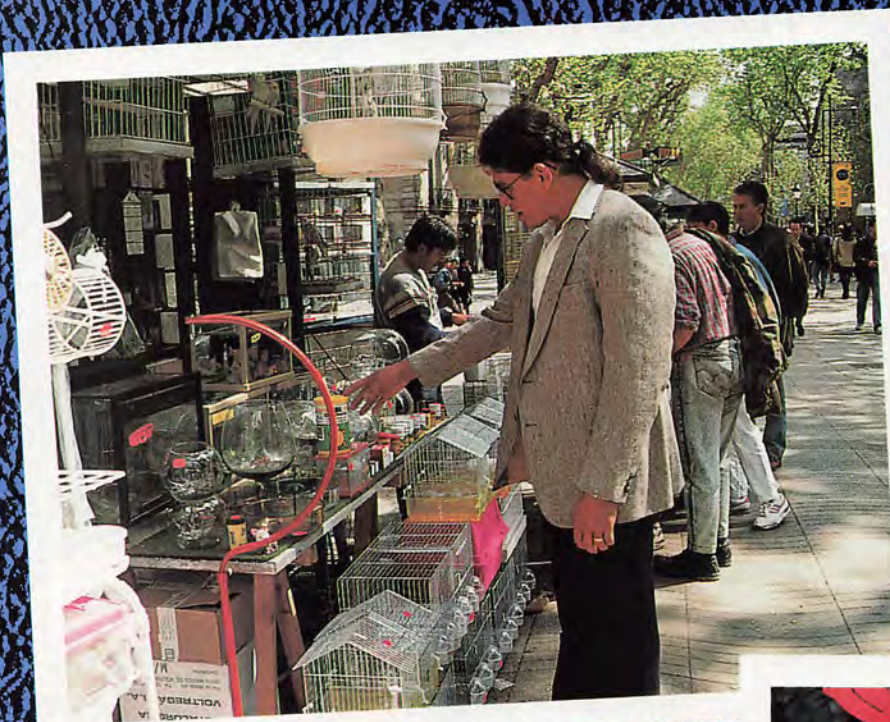
Superstars Spanning The Globe

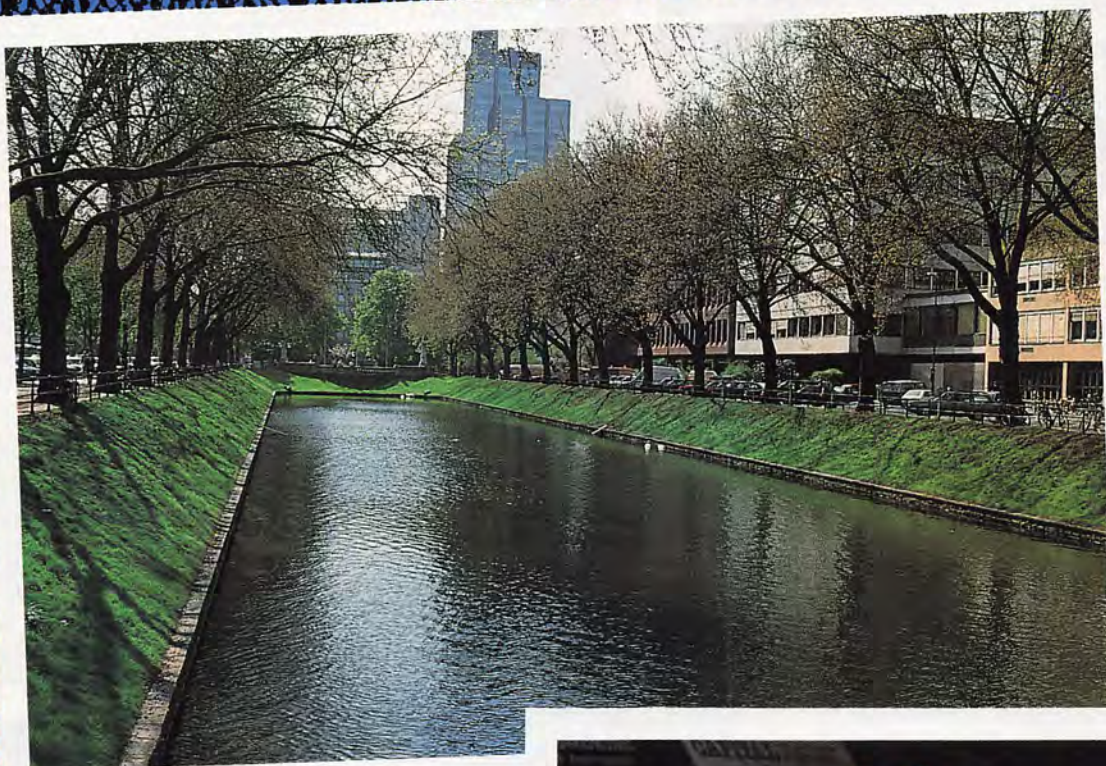
private eye

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Days after *WrestleMania IX* last April, the superstars of the World Wrestling Federation traveled across the Atlantic and battled in various cities throughout Europe. The athletes made appearances in many nations, including the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands. While the wrestlers bounced from city to city, official Federation photographers Steve Taylor and Tom Buchanan were one step behind, recording every detail.

One day they followed El Matador around Barcelona, Spain. El Matador loves Barcelona for many reasons. Barcelona is one of Spain's most lux-





The World Wrestling Federation is a major global entity. Right after WrestleMania IX, Federation superstars such as El Matador, the Undertaker and many more delighted audiences from Britain to Italy with world-class sports entertainment.



urious cities. It sits on the northern coast of the country and was the hosting city to the 1992 Summer Olympics.

Barcelona is also world-renowned for its beaches and glitzy hotels, which attract millions of tourists each year. El Matador, who speaks Spanish fluently, met with some of Barcelona's visitors and residents last April.

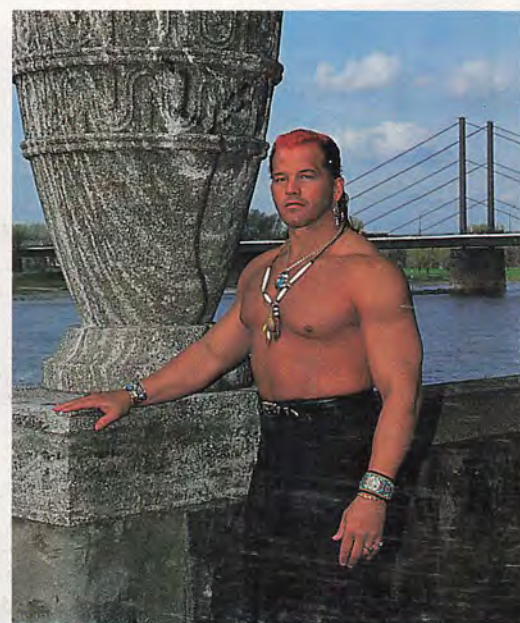
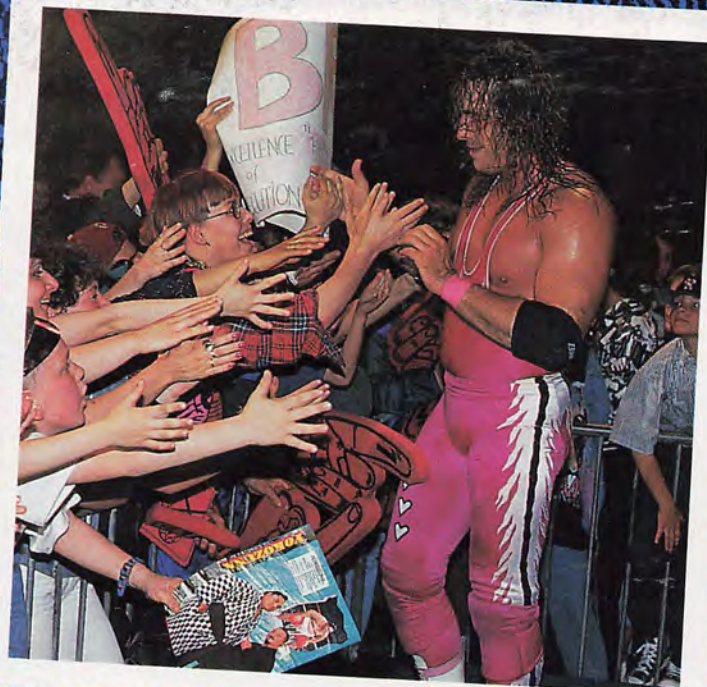
"The beauty of Barcelona cannot be described in words," he later told this magazine. "The city is so clean, so flawless. The people are wonderful."

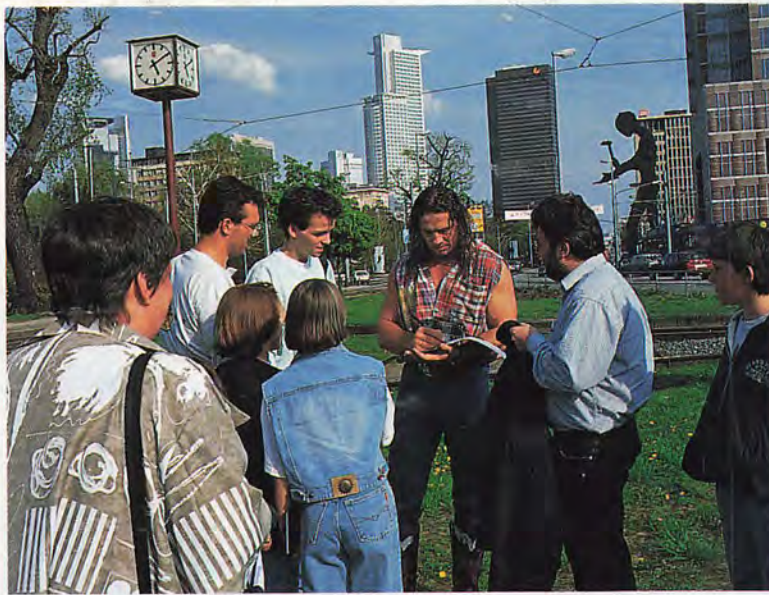
He should know. During his stay in Barcelona, he was swamped by townspeople and tourists alike. Even in a stylish European suit he couldn't tread the streets and cafes unnoticed.



private eye

Bret Hart was—and is—an overwhelming sensation with fans in Germany. The Bushwhackers have Bushwhackeroos all over the world, specifically in France. Tatanka and El Matador, when their schedule permitted, found the time to take in the sights.





"It goes to show you how popular the Federation really is in Spain," he said.

The World Wrestling Federation, of course, is popular the world over—hence the name. Take Milan, Italy, for example. Milan, which is located in northern Italy, turned out to be a die-hard Federation metropolis. Thousands jammed the local sports arena to witness live Federation action. During the event, a large group of fans, who identified themselves as the "Undertaker Italian Fan Club," held a huge sign bearing the Undertaker's name and likeness during his match.

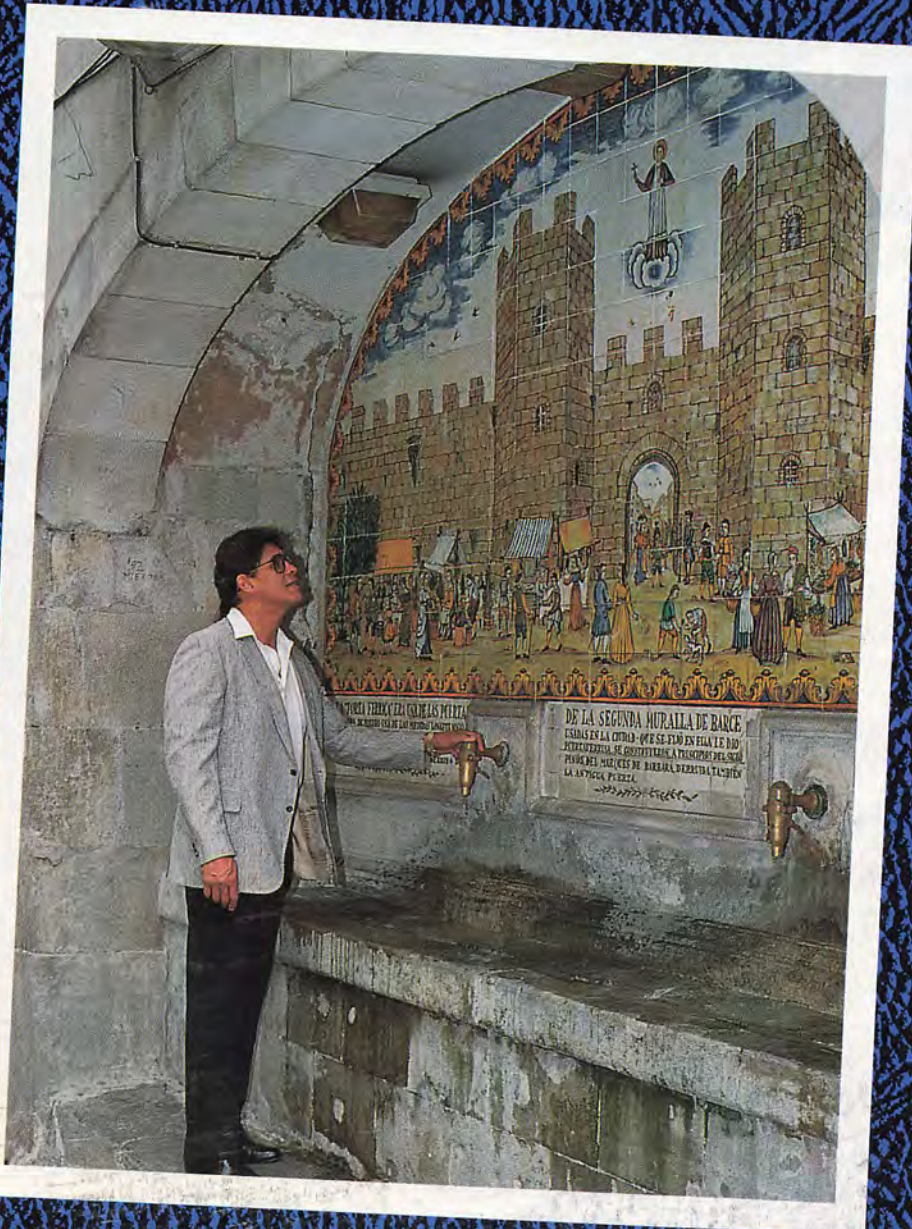
"My children of the night hail from all corners of the world and come in all colors," the Undertaker said.

In Dusseldorf, Germany, Native American Tatanka decided to tour the city. He stopped at a German brathouse where he met some native Americans who were stationed there. Dusseldorf, which hosts one of the most popular Oktoberfests in all of Germany, is situated near a major American Air Force Base.

King of the Ring Bret Hart was also a big hit in Germany. In fact, he was mobbed everywhere he went, lending credence to the superstar's immense global popularity.

"You know, many of the people I met in Germany could hardly speak English," said the Hit Man. "But most were able to say 'Sharpshooter' and the term 'excellence of execution' without a problem. It was amazing."

When this magazine hits newsstands, our latest European tour will have ended. This jaunt kicked off July 29 in Vienna and made stops in Germany, Scotland, Great Britain and a debut in Toulon, France. In a future issue, we'll bring you exclusive photos of that big adventure. **WF**





Bobby Heenan won our Sexiest Man Award.

And the Winner Is...

The winner of *Lowdown's* Sexiest Man Award, which was open to public vote in our June issue, is—believe it or not—Bobby “The Brain” Heenan. You read the name correctly, ladies: Bobby “The Brain” Heenan.

Heenan received an overwhelming majority of votes from throngs of female fans, beating such hunks as Bret “Hit Man” Hart, Brutus “The Barber” Beefcake and Razor Ramon. However, we feel that there’s one point *Lowdown* must release.

All the votes for Heenan were postmarked Beverly Hills, California, the same city, oddly enough, in which Heenan resides. Furthermore, all the letters were typewritten with the same typeface.

If you’re thinking what *Lowdown* is thinking, you can bet your bottom dollar that something indeed smells fishy. We’re going to investigate the situation and report our findings in a future column.

As it stands right now, though, Heenan is the Federation’s Sexiest Man. Rounding out the top five were: 2) Bret, 3) Shawn Michaels, 4) Beefcake and 5) Razor.

One Lucky Fan

Paul Pitcher To Have Lunch With Bret Hart!

Congratulations are in order for Paul Pitcher of Annapolis, Maryland. He is the lucky winner of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine's* Lunch With Your Favorite Wrestler Contest. If you recall, several months ago this publication conducted the contest.

Your responses were unbelievable! It took the entire staff at *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* several months to categorize the thousands of entries. Then, just days before summer officially began, our lucky winner was selected.

Paul chose to have lunch with his favorite wrestler, Bret “Hit Man” Hart. As *Lowdown* goes to press, arrangements are being made for the limousine and for the Hit Man’s airline tickets.

The rest is up to Paul. He gets to pick the restaurant, and this magazine will pick up the tab.

In a future issue of this magazine, a full-length feature will appear with the Hit Man and Paul breaking bread together in what should be one of the most memorable moments of this youngster’s life. Keep watching for it!

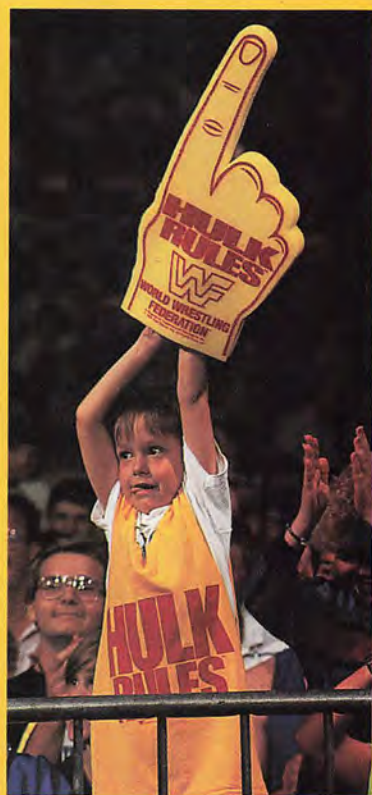
The Hulkster Hot In Eastern Europe

Recently, *Lowdown* received letters from Poland and from Czechoslovakia from fans who say they are dyed-in-the-wool Hulkamaniacs.

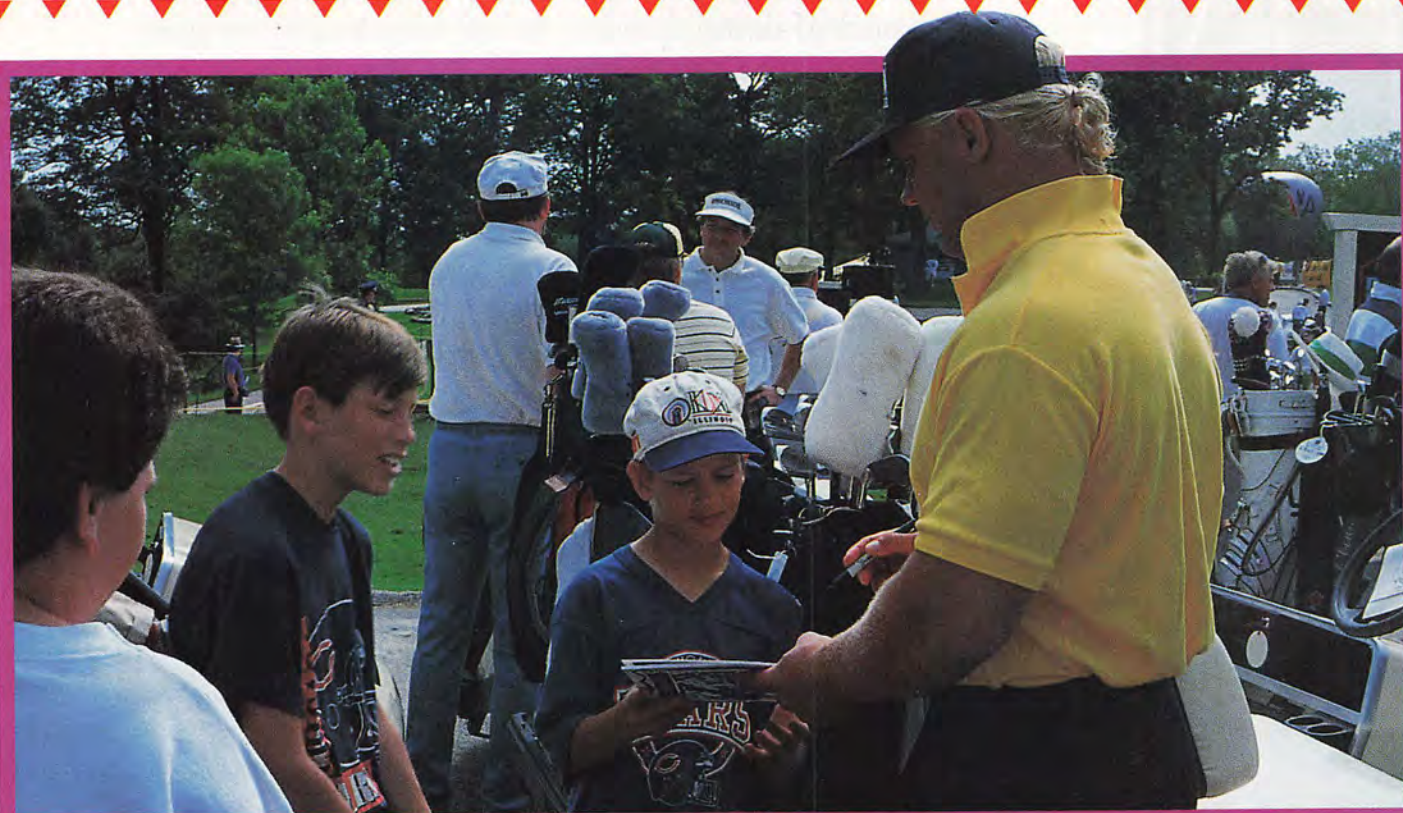
Take Jan Ibrasik, for instance. Jan resides in Povarska in Czechoslovakia and says that he is Hogan’s greatest admirer. Jan writes, “Hulk Hogan, you are my favorite American wrestler.”

Marcin Nowicki, who lives in Lubin, Poland, is also a fan of the Hulkster. “I’d love to buy the new poster of Hulk Hogan,” Marcin writes. “I am a big fan of yours.”

The Hulkster has many fans. He is the most recognizable athlete ever to enter professional sports, and his name is synonymous with greatness and achievement wherever he ventures.



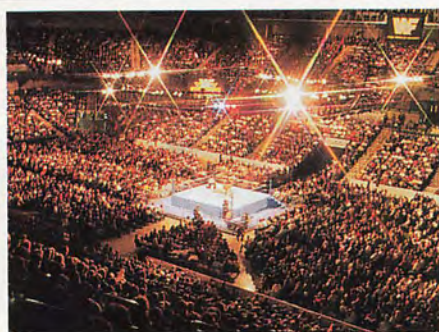
The Hulkster is hot in Poland.



Mr. Perfect signs autographs for his fans after he participated in the Halas/Payton benefit Golf Tournament near the Windy City.

Where They've Been—Superstars Step Out

- Mr. Perfect took time out from his busy schedule to participate in the Halas/Payton benefit Golf Tournament at the Nordic Hills Resort near Chicago in early June.
- Ambassador of Goodwill Classy Freddy Blassie spoke at the Borden Avenue Residence in New York City.
- Earlier in the summer, the Bushwhackers, Luke and Butch, stopped by the Channel 3 Country Camp in Andover, Connecticut, a special camp for underprivileged kids and adolescents.
- Macho Man Randy Savage appeared at the Tomorrow's Children Fund annual Beefsteak Dinner in East Rutherford, New Jersey. The dinner is one of Tomorrow's Children's major fund-raising events of the year.
- Former champion Bob Backlund met with thousands of his fans at the Queens Festival in Flushing, New York.



Federation stars just returned from Europe.

Federation Goes Abroad

The superstars of the Federation recently completed a tour of Europe. Some of the finest athletes, including Crush, Hacksaw Jim Duggan, Papa Shango and Hulk Hogan, competed throughout Europe and the British Isles.

The superstars converged upon Vienna, Austria, before traveling to Germany, where the action exploded in Dortmund, Munich and Berlin. Then they did battle in Edinburgh, Scotland; London and Sheffield, England. Thousands in France turned out to see the superstars in Toulon. Unquestionably, live Federation action can't be beat. Fans in Europe are already making plans for the next Federation European Tour scheduled for later this year. **WF**

PIN em DOWN



QUESTIONS THAT FORCE THE ISSUE

Editor's note: This department features questions asked of wrestlers and other World Wrestling Federation personalities. We invite readers to submit their queries.



QUESTION:

Smoking Gunns, are the bullets in your guns real or fake? Also, are the guns real or fake?—

Shawn McCanghey, Whippany, New Jersey.

ANSWER:

The guns are real, but we use blanks in the arena. Real bullets are dangerous, and it'd be against the law.



QUESTION:

Hulk Hogan and Macho Man Randy Savage, where is the Ultimate Warrior?—Kyle Smith, Carmel, Indiana.

ANSWER:

They don't know. We're trying to find out, and if we do, we'll tell you in a future issue.—(Editors)



Sensational Sherri, when you and Luna get in the ring to wrestle, what do you think about doing to her?—Chrissy

DiDesidero, Boothwyn, Pennsylvania.



Hospitalizing her.



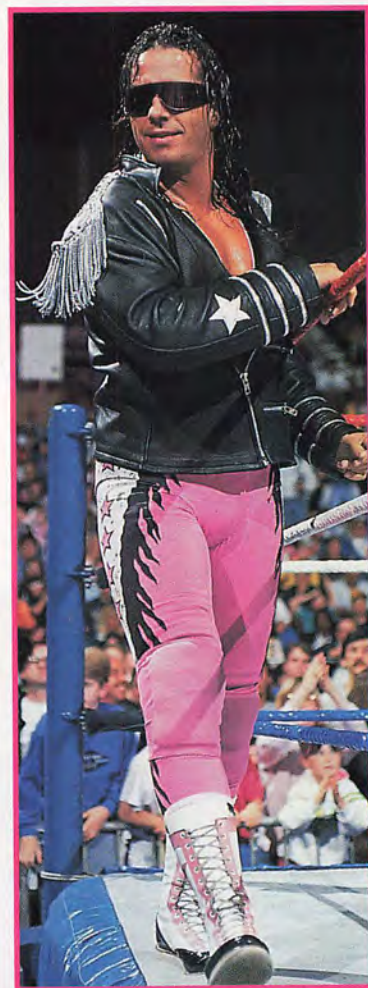
Q Money, Inc., it has already been proved that you two are a couple of thieves. Now that your secret has been unveiled, what do you two plan to do in the near future?—Ryan Moore, Saratoga Springs, New York.

ANSWER: Idiot, we understand that you sent a whole package of questions to *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* in hopes that you'd get your nitwit name printed. Well, you did. Our future doesn't concern you, but we'll tell you that we have so much money we can do anything we want. Maybe we'll go on a long vacation.



QUESTION:

Bret "Hit Man" Hart, it looks to me as if you have no apparent weaknesses in your wrestling. But what do I know? Do you have any?—Heather Irahian, Lafayette, Louisiana.



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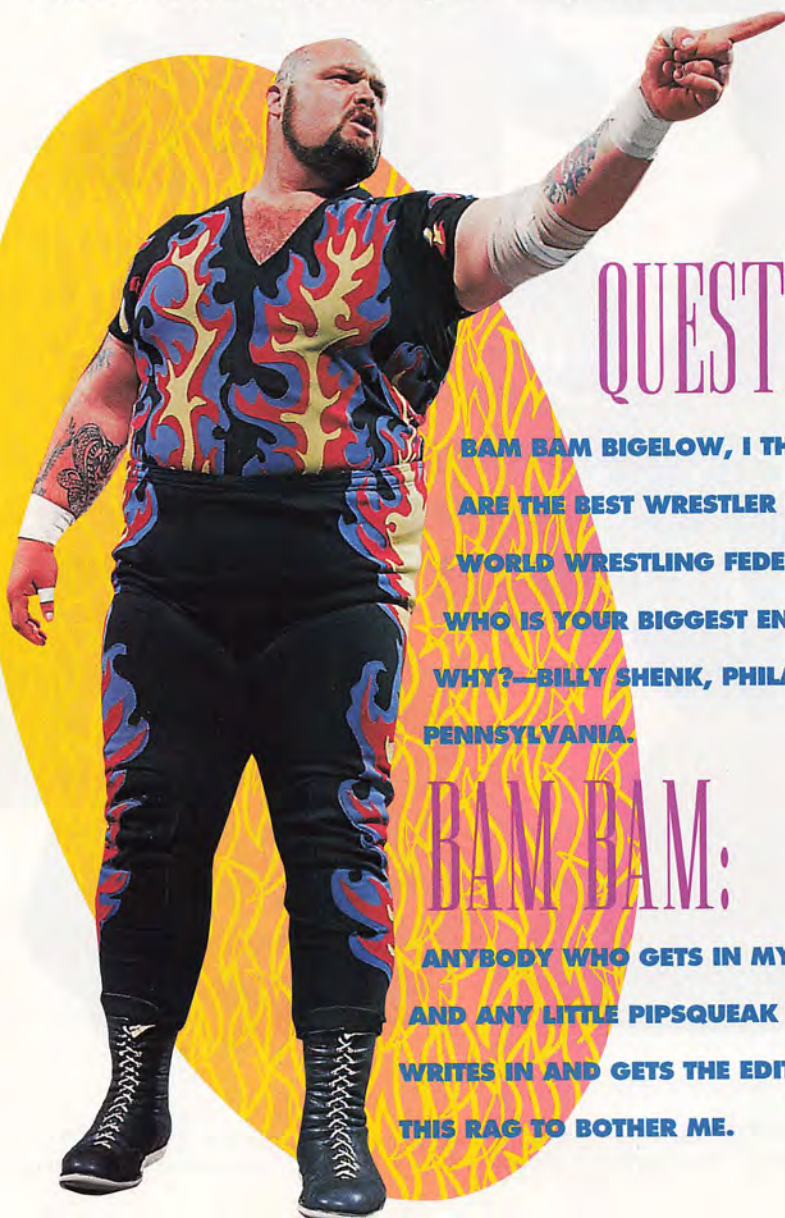
BAM BAM BIGELOW, I THINK YOU ARE THE BEST WRESTLER IN THE WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION. WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST ENEMY AND WHY?—BILLY SHENK, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

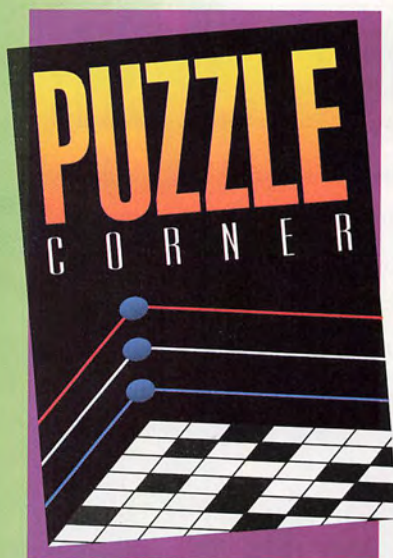
BAM BAM:

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ANSWER:

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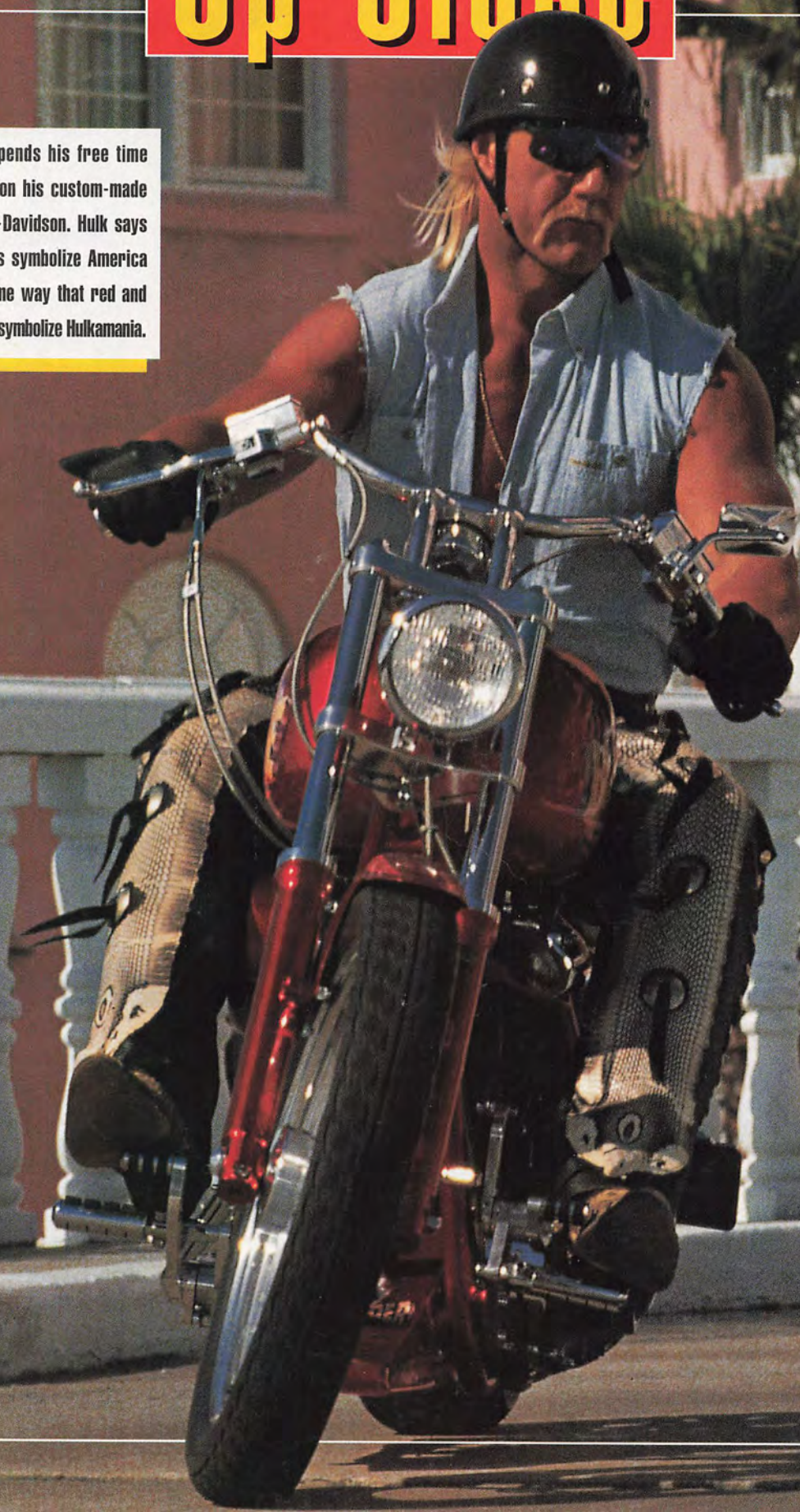
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